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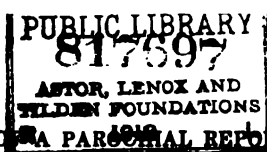
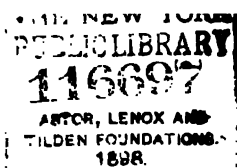
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AND
CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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FORM OF PARISH ANNUAL REPORT.

_____ PARISH, _____ COUNTY, MAY, 18—.

Baptisms, Adults, white —, colored —, — — } —
" Infants, do —, do —, — — } —
Confirmed, white —, colored —, —
Communicants, last reported —, added —, }
" died —, withdrawn —, suspended —, }
" present number, —
Marriages, white —, colored —, —
Funerals, do —, do —, —
Sunday Schools, male teachers —, scholars, —, } Teachers, —
" " female do —, do —, } Scholars, —
Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion,
and the Church.
Remarks by the Rector. _____, Rector.
Nearest Post Office. _____

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of _____ parish (or Church) in _____ county, held on the _____ day of _____, _____ who is a communicant in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord,

_____, Rector.
_____, Register,
or Church Warden.

PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

RICHMOND—	Third Wednesday in May,	1852.
LYNCHBURG	" "	1853.
FREDERICKSBURG	" "	1854.
PETERSBURG	" "	1855.
WINCHESTER	" "	1856.
NORFOLK	" "	1857.
CHARLOTTESVILLE	" "	1858.
ALEXANDRIA	" "	1859.
STAUNTON	" "	1860.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

MAY 16, 1851.

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- Rt. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post Office, Clarke county.
Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, Williamsburg.
Rev. GEORGE ADIE, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun county.
Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
Rev. CHARLES E. AMBLER, St. Anne's Parish, Scottsville.
Rev. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, St. Mathew's Church, Wheeling.
Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Raleigh and Dale Parishes, Amelia Court House.
Rev. WM. V. BOWERS, St. Martin's Parish, Verdon, Hanover county.
Rev. O. BULKLEY, Lyttleton Parish, Langhorne's, Cumberland county.
Rev. E. BOYDEN, St. Ann's and Walker's Parishes, Everettville, Albemarle county.
Rev. R. T. BROWN, Kanawha Parish, Charleston, Kanawha county.
Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Trinity Church, Staunton.
Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Lexington Parish, Amherst, Temperance Post Office, Amherst county.
Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Christ Church, Norfolk.
Rev. MARK L. CHEVERS, Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, Portsmouth.
Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Roanoke Parish, Mount Laurel, Halifax county.
Rev. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
Rev. JOHN COOKE, officiating in Louisa county, Ætna, Hanover county.
Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst Court House.
Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Mathews and Middlesex, Mathews C. H.
Rev. G. McK. CALLOWAY, Smithfield, Jefferson county.
Rev. G. W. DAME, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
Rev. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
Rev. JAMES DOUGHER, residing in Lynchburg.
Rev. E. A. DALRYMPLE, Rector of the Episcopal High School, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.
Rev. C. H. DISBROW, St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
Rev. JOSEPH EARNEST, St. Thomas Church, Orange Court House.
Rev. ADAM EMPIE, D. D., St. James's Church, Richmond.
Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Port Royal, Caroline county.
Rev. ANDREW FISHER, St. James's Southam, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan county.
Rev. P. D. GOODWIN, Nelson Parish, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson county.
Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.

- Rev. C. J. GIBSON, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. GREEN, Richmond county.
 Rev. JOHN H. HILL, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
 Rev. EDMUND W. HENING, Missionary, Africa.
 Rev. J. F. HOFF, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county.
 Rev. WILLIAM D. HANSON, Meherrin Parish, Greenville, Hick's Ford.
 Rev. W. L. HYLAND, Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg, Brooke county, and Trinity Parish, Marshall county. Post Office, Wheeling.
 Rev. WILLIAM N. IRISH, St. Thomas's Church, Frederick county.
 Rev. R. P. JOHNSON, St. Andrew's Parish, Sturgeonville, Brunswick county.
 Rev. WILLIAM M. JACKSON, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
 Rev. JAMES T. JOHNSTON, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, D. D., St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
 Rev. W. G. H. JONES, St. James's Parish, Drummond Town, Accomac county.
 Rev. JACOB KEELING, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
 Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
 Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford, Norwood, Bedford county.
 Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Rev. CLEVELAND KEITH, Salem, Fauquier county.
 Rev. E. R. LIPPITT, Alexandria.
 Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Cumberland Parish, Macfarland's Store, Lunenburg county.
 Rev. W. T. LEAVELL, Charles City county.
 Rev. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, and Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax Court House.
 Rev. CHARLES MANN, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester Court House.
 Rev. JAMES MAY, D. D., Professor of Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.
 Rev. R. K. MEADE, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Martin's Brandon Parish, Garysville, Prince George county.
 Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, St. John's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Newport Parish, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 Rev. J. McELROY, Trinity Church, Buchanan, Botetourt county.
 Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 Rev. J. B. McGUIRE, St. Anne's and South Farnham Parish, Loretto, Essex county.
 Rev. F. H. McGUIRE, St. James's Church, Boynton, Mecklenburg county.
 Rev. E. B. McGUIRE, St. Paul's Parish, Old Church, Hanover county.
 Rev. WILLIAM McGUIRE, Was. and Cople Parishes, Westmoreland, Oak Grove, Westmoreland county.
 Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham county.
 Rev. R. M. MITCHESON, City Missionary, Norfolk.
 Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Richmond.
 Rev. F. B. NASH, St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha, and St. Paul's Parish, Putnam county. Post Office, Coalsmouth.
 Rev. R. S. NASH, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster, Lancaster Court House.
 Rev. G. H. NORTON, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton.
 Rev. ROBERT NELSON, Missionary, China.
 Rev. JOSEPH PACKARD, D. D., Professor, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.

- Rev. JOHN PAYNE, Missionary, Africa.
 Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Leed's Parish, Fauquier, Leed's Manor, Fauquier county.
 Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.
 Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.
 Rev. JAMES RAWSON, D. D., Hungars Parish, Northampton county.
 Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Greenville.
 Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent Colonization Society of Virginia.
 Rev. NELSON SALL, West Russell Parish, Davis's Store, Bedford.
 Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr. St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.
 Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGGS, Martinsburg.
 Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH, Editor Southern Churchman, Alexandria.
 Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Norfolk.
 Rev. CHARLES H. SMIELD, Bloomfield Parish, Rappahannock county, Woodville.
 Rev. S. R. SLACK, Fredericksville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
 Rev. WM. SPARROW, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
 Rev. E. W. SYLE, Missionary, China.
 Rev. A. SHIRAS, Grace Church, Caroline county.
 Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.
 Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Milford Mills, Prince William.
 Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Sappony, Wilkinsonville, Chesterfield.
 Rev. JOSEPH D. TYLER, Principal Deaf and Dumb Institute, Staunton.
 Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis county.
 Rev. DUDLEY A. TYNG, Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county.
 Rev. WILLIAM N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Warsaw, Richmond county.
 Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
 Rev. JOHN A. WHARTON, Liberty Post Office, Bedford.
 Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
 Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
 Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germanna, Culpepper Court House.
 Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Trinity, Meade Parish, Middleburg, Fauquier county.
 Rev. G. T. WILMER, Botetourt Parish, Fincastle.
 Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, York Hampton Parish, Williamsburg.
 Rev. LEWIS WALKER, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk.
 Rev. WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Sappony Church, Dinwiddie Court House.
 Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
 Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, St. George's Parish, Pungoteague, Accomac.
 Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Northam Parish, St. James and Beaver Dam Churches, Goochland county. Pemberton Post Office.
 Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish, Henry Court House.
 Rev. J. A. WHEAT, assistant minister, Trinity Church, Staunton.
 Rev. H. T. WILCOXON, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.
 Rev. J. CAMPBELL WHITE.—Whole number of clery, 118.

LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE ON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF THE
PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH THEY REPRESENTED.

Alexandria—C. F. Lee, Christ Church.

Albemarle County—Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish; Dr. J. N. Gantt, St. Anne's Parish; C. J. Merriwether, Christ Church, Charlottesville; R. W. N. Noland, Fredericksville Parish.

Amherst County—W. J. Cabell, St. Luke's and Ascension.

Brunswick County—John Ravenscroft Jones, St. Andrew's Parish.

Botetourt County—Ed. Valentine, Trinity Church.

Botetourt and Roanoke Counties—T. W. Burwell, Botetourt Parish.

Buckingham County—Jacob Gregory, Tillotson Parish.

Bedford County—Wm. C. Leftwick, St. Stephen's Church; J. W. Sherman, St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish; John C. Cobbs, Trinity Church, Russell Parish.

Cumberland County—Goodrich Wilson, Lyttleton Parish.

Clarke County—Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish; Dr. Wm. Nelson, Christ Church, Millwood.

Culpepper County—Thomas W. Jones, St. James's Church; S. S. Bradford, St. Stephen's Church.

Caroline County—Wm. B. Harris, St. Margaret's Church.

Essex County—Henry W. Latane, Jr., South Farnham.

Fauquier County—William Noland, Meade Parish.

Fairfax County—Arthur Lee Brent, Falls Church.

Fluvanna County—Saml. Stillman, Rivanna Parish.

Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church.

Frederick County—Isaac F. Hite, St. Thomas's Church, Middletown.

Hanover County—Edmund Fontaine, St. Martin's Parish.

Halifax County—C. A. Clark, Roanoke Parish; Philip Howertson, Antrim Parish.

Jefferson County—Charles F. Butler, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown; Bushrod C. Washington, Zion Church, Charlestown; W. F. Jacobs, St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.

Lancaster County—John Chewning, Christ Church.

Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.

Mecklenburg County—W. J. L. Finch, St. James's Parish.

Norfolk City—A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church; Edward S. Pegram, Christ Church.

Princess Anne County—Thurmer Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish.

Petersburg—John G. Guthrey, Grace Church; John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church.

Portsmouth—Holt Wilson, Trinity Church; Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

Roanoke County—George P. Tayloe, Botetourt Parish.

Rockbridge County—Francis H. Smith, Grace Church, Lexington.

Richmond City—John A. Smith, Monumental Church; George M. Carrington, St. John's Church; Thomas H. Dewitt, St. James's Church.

Spottsylvania County—Gabriel Long, St. John's and Christ Church.

Staunton—Pike Powers, Trinity Church.

Winchester—F. B. Jones, Christ Church.

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
- 2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
- 3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.
- 4th. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
- 5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
- 6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.
- 7th. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.
- 8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.
- 9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.
- 10th. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.
- 11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.
- 12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member shall require it.
- 13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.
- 14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.
- 15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
- 16th. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.
- 17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.
- 18th. When a question is decided by the Convention or is postponed indefinitely, the

same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without consent of two thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and nays.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29th. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer, *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the proceedings of the standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

STAUNTON, *May* 21, 1851.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, the Right Reverend the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled at 11 o'clock in Trinity Church, Staunton.

Morning Prayer having been read by the Rev. J. Grammer, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Wm. H. Kinkle, the Right Rev. Bishop Meade took the Chair, and calling the Convention to order, read a letter from Wm. H. Blackford, resigning the office of Secretary of the Convention. Whereupon, the Rev. J. Grammer was requested to act as Secretary until a Secretary should be elected by the Convention, who accordingly proceeded to call over the list of the Clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention, when the following answered to their names and took their seats as members of the Convention, to wit :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.

Rev. George Adie,

“ C. W. Andrews,

“ C. E. Ambler,

“ P. F. Berkeley,

“ Wm. V. Bowers,

“ O. Bulkley,

“ T. T. Castleman,

“ David Caldwell,

“ John T. Clark,

“ G. S. Carraway,

“ Lewis P. Clover,

“ G. W. Dame,

“ Jos. Earnest,

“ Andrew Fisher,

“ Wm. Friend,

“ F. D. Goodwin,

“ John Grammer,

“ C. J. Gibson,

“ J. F. Hoff,

“ W. D. Hanson,

“ W. L. Hyland,

“ W. N. Irish,

“ Wm. M. Jackson,

“ Alex. Jones, D. D.

“ W. H. Kinkle,

Rev. O. A. Kinsolving,

“ H. S. Kepler,

“ W. T. Leavell,

“ J. C. McCabe,

“ E. C. McGuire, D. D.

“ John P. McGuire,

“ E. B. McGuire,

“ Wm. McGuire,

“ W. C. Meredith,

“ Robert Nelson,

“ E. T. Perkins,

“ J. Peterkin,

“ James Rawson, D. D.

“ Phillip Slaughter,

“ Nelson Sale,

“ George A. Smith,

“ S. R. Slack,

“ H. Stringfellow, Jr.,

“ John Towles,

“ D. A. Tyng,

“ A. B. Tizzard,

“ George Woodbridge,

“ J. H. Wingfield,

“ R. H. Wilmer,

“ C. Walker,

“ H. S. Wilcoxon,

“ J. Ambler Weed.

Mr. George M. Carrington was appointed the Treasurer, *pro tempore*, to receive the contributions to the Contingent Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Jones and Mr. C. J. Merriwether, were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates, who having retired and examined the same, reported that the following persons had been duly elected according to the Canons, by the Vestries of their respective Churches, as Lay Delegates to this Convention, to wit:

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish—George M. Carrington.
 Trinity Church, Woodville, Botetourt—Ed. Valentine.
 Littleton Parish, Cumberland—Goodrich Wilson.
 Falls Church, Fairfax county—A. Lee Brent.
 St. Margaret's Church, Caroline—Wm. B. Harris.
 St. Paul's Church, Petersburg—John Roselett.
 Christ Church, Winchester—F. B. Jones.
 Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna—Samuel Stillman.
 Christ Church, Charlottesville—Charles Merriwether.
 Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudoun—Wm. Noland.
 Roanoke Parish, Halifax—Charles A. Clarke.
 Christ Church, Alexandria—Cassius F. Lee.
 St. Thomas' Church, West Russell Parish, Bedford county—J. W. Sherman.
 Trinity Church, Staunton, Augusta—Pike Powers.
 St. James' Church, Culpepper—Thomas W. Jones.
 Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county—Dr. W. Nelson.
 Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county—Hugh N. Pendleton.
 Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson county—Charles F. Butler.
 St. George's Church, Fredericksburg—Wm. Pollock.
 St. Paul's Church, Norfolk—A. I. Seabury.
 St. John's Church, Portsmouth—Charles A. Grice.
 Tillotson Parish, Buckingham—Jacob Gregory.
 St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, Frederick county—Isaac F. Hite.
 Grace Church, Rockbridge—Francis H. Smith.
 St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry—W. F. Jacobs.
 Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke counties—T. H. Burwell.
 St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton.
 St. James' Parish, Mecklenberg—Wm. T. L. Finch.
 Christ Church Parish, Lancaster—John Chewning.
 St. Luke's, New Glasgow, Ascension Church, Amherst county—Wm. J. Cabell.

The Rev. John Grammer, from the committee appointed at the last Convention, to inquire into the condition of the several funds belonging to the Church in this Diocese, (see Journal for 1850, page 49,) presented the following report; which was laid on the table:

The committee appointed by the last Convention "to inquire into the manner in which the funds of the Theological Seminary, and of the Diocesan Missionary Society, and of the Episcopal Fund, and of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, are invested and held," and to report to this Convention "their opinion as to the safety of the said funds and the best plan for securing the same,"

having procured from those to whose care these several funds were respectively committed, a full statement of their several amounts, and of the manner in which these were severally invested and held, and having, at a meeting of all the members of the committee, convened in Richmond in November last, duly examined these statements, and given to the whole subject a deliberate consideration, respectfully present the following report:

1. That on the 1st of November last, the funds of the Theological Seminary amounted to the nominal sum of fifty-four thousand six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighteen cents—consisting in \$16,500 in stock of the Farmer's Bank of Virginia; \$1,500 in stock of the Bank of Virginia; \$900 in stock of the Exchange Bank of Virginia; \$4,000 in Chesapeake and Ohio Company's Bonds, guaranteed by the State of Virginia; \$12,000 in James River and Kanawha Company's Bonds, guaranteed by the State of Virginia; \$6,500 in bonds of the State of Virginia; \$4,500 in bonds of individuals, with personal security; \$500 in an individual bond, without security; \$1,037 18 in a loan to the Education Society, acknowledged by its Treasurer, and \$7,200 in money then ready for investment. That of these bonds and certificates of stock, one stands in the name of Wm. Pollock, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of Virginia; but most of the others in the names, either of John Gray, George Hamilton, and Wm. Pollock, or else of Wm. Pollock, Richard C. L. Moncure, and Douglass Gordon, but with various forms and designations appended, such as "the survivors of them, the heirs, executors, and administrators of such survivor," or "Trustees of Theological Seminary, their assigns," or "Agents for Trustees of Theological Seminary or assigns," &c. &c.

2. That the Diocesan Missionary Society has no permanent or vested funds, but depends upon incoming contributions for meeting its current expenditures; and the committee regret to find that for some time past its receipts have been inadequate to the supply of its wants.

3. That the Episcopal Fund amounted nominally, at the date before mentioned, to the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars, and consisted of 60 shares of stock of the Exchange Bank of Virginia; 35 shares of stock of the Farmers Bank of Virginia, and 10 shares of stock of the Bank of the Valley of Virginia; and that the several certificates of these stocks stands in the names, either of W. C. Page and R. C. Mason, or of W. C. Page and L. A. Cazenove, but with designations varying in the several certificates, describing them in some as "Church Wardens of Christ Church;" in others as "Trustees of the Bishop's Fund," and limiting the title in some of the certificates "to them and their successors in office, as trustees," &c., and in others, "to the survivors of them in trust," &c.

4. That "the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen," amounted, at the date before mentioned, to the nominal sum of nine thousand five hundred and seventy dollars, and consisted of 74 shares of stock in the Exchange Bank of Virginia; 21 shares of stock in the Farmer's Bank of Virginia, and one share of stock in the Bank of Virginia. But the death of the late Mr. Wm. Williams, who had been Treasurer of this fund, and in whose name, as such, it had been invested, had placed it in an exceedingly precarious position, which rendered it impossible for the Treasurer (who had been appointed by the last Convention) to exercise over it any control, or draw from it any products. It was necessary, therefore, that an immediate and vigorous effort should be put forth to rescue this fund from the danger (to which it was exposed) of entire alienation, and restore it, if possible, to the control and possession of the Convention. And as there was no one legally authorized or empowered to act in the

premises, the committee felt constrained, by the necessities of the case, to assume a constructive right over the whole subject, and adopt such active measures as its urgency required; and they have now the satisfaction of informing the Convention, that after much difficulty, they succeeded, mainly through the honorable and earnestly kind co-operation of Mrs. Williams, aided by her friend and legal adviser, Mr. Wood Bouldin, in having all the stock of which this fund consists regularly transferred to the trustees appointed to hold it, and the certificates thereof placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

And now, in regard to the safety of these several funds, your committee consider that their position, as above represented, furnishes grounds for anxious apprehensions. For while we entertain all reasonable confidence in the security of the public institutions in which the greater portion of these funds is invested, and from the well known prudence of the former and present Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, we are bound to presume that the individuals whose private bonds have been received by them are amply responsible for the amounts of their several obligations; and while the several certificates of stock and private bonds, indicate upon their faces, by the introduction of terms of limitation to successors and survivors, and by declarations of the trusts and uses for which the amounts are held, that carefulness and caution have not been wanting on the part of those who made these several investments; and although the church may continue to obtain, as she has hitherto invariably enjoyed, for the management of her funds, the services of gentlemen of the highest integrity, punctuality, and devotedness, yet, nevertheless, the jeopardy in which the fund for the relief of widows, &c., has so recently been placed, exposes evidently the fact that our funds, under the present system, are not secure; and it accordingly urges upon us the necessity for adopting further means for averting, as far as is practicable, any similar danger.

Your committee, therefore, while acknowledging that there can be no hope of obtaining absolute security for our funds so long as the laws of this Commonwealth, by withholding protection from the funds of ecclesiastical bodies, encourage the unprincipled and dishonest in seizing upon such funds whenever circumstances will enable them to do so, and alienating them from their proper objects and owners, are, however, of the opinion, that something may be done to relieve your funds from the danger to which they are most especially exposed, and thus give them a very reasonable measure of security. And for the attainment of this desirable object, they would respectfully submit the plan for the management of your funds which is embodied in the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Be it resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to advise their Treasurer to call in, as soon as it can conveniently be done, so much of the fund of that Institution as is outstanding on personal security, and invest the proceeds in permanent stock.

2. *Be it resolved*, That all investments of the funds of the Theological Seminary, the Episcopal fund, and the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, shall be made (where it has not already been so done) in permanent public stocks, and in the name of an uniform but separate body of trustees for each of the above named funds; and that each body shall consist of three persons, of whom the treasurer of the fund for which they are respectively trustees, shall be one; that the certificate of each investment shall *invariably* run in the following form, to wit:

“To A. B. and C. (the trustees) the survivors or survivor of them, for the sole use and benefit of them and such survivor or survivors, as Trustees of ———” (the Theological Seminary, Episcopal Fund, or the Widows and Orphans Fund, as the case may be.)

That it shall be the duty of the survivors or survivor of each body of trustees to fill, without delay, with the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese, subject to the sanction of the next Convention, any vacancy which may at any time occur in their or his respective bodies, and cause all the certificates of investment to be forthwith renewed, conformably to the above directions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. GRAMMER,
GEO. WOODBRIDGE,
JOHN STEWART,
WM. H. MACFARLAND,
Committee.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 22.

The Convention assembled at the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The following clergymen not present yesterday appeared and took their seats :

Rev. Wm. Norwood,	Rev. Charles B. Dana,
" Cleveland Keith,	" D. M. Wharton,
" R. K. Meade,	" John Cooke,
" H. Stringfellow,	" Anderson Wade,
" J. A. Wheat.	

On motion,

Resolved, That the resignation of Wm. M. Blackford, Esq., as Secretary of the Convention, be accepted.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to Mr. Blackford for his laborious and useful services as Secretary of the Convention.

Cassius F. Lee was elected Secretary of the Convention ; and on his motion, Mr. A. L. Seabury was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion, leave of absence is granted the Rev. Mr. Leavell for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Dr. Jones, chairman of the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, not present yesterday, duly chosen, who appeared and took their seats :

South Farnham Parish, Essex—Hugh W. Latane, Jr.
St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county—John Ravenscroft Jones.
Trinity Church, Russell's Parish, Bedford county—John C. Cobbs.
Grace Church, Petersburg—John G. Guthrey.
St. Ann Parish, Albemarle county—Dr. J. W. Gantt.
Fredericksville Parish Albemarle county—R. W. Noland.
Antrim Parish, Halifax county—Philip Howerston.
Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county—Thurmer Hoggard.
Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish, in Norfolk county—Holt Wilson.
Monumental Church, Richmond city—John A. Smith.
Christ Church, Norfolk city—Edward S. Pegram.
Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county—Bushrod C. Washington.
St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county—Wm. C. Leftwick.
St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county—Edmund Fontaine.
St. John's Church, Berkley Parish, and Christ Church, Spotsylvania—Gabriel Long.

The time having come for reading the Episcopal reports, Bishop Meade stated that having had the misfortune of losing his notices of Episcopal acts during the past year, he must rely on the parochial reports to make up the deficiency, as each clergyman whose parish has been visited would state what had been done in the same. He then proceeded to read the following Address :

THE TRUE CHURCHMAN.

MY DEAR BRETHREN : In looking forward to this meeting, my thoughts have very naturally turned to some method whereby I might contribute to its usefulness. A word in season is good. To know what that word should be, passing events must be noticed, and a lesson sought from them. We live in an age of high religious excitement. Our own beloved church partakes largely of it. What the meaning of God's Word is on important points of doctrine and order, and what the sense of our articles, offices, and other standards, are topics earnestly discussed. As might be expected, each party adduces scripture for its justification in "contending earnestly for the faith," expressing a strong confidence that it holds the faith as "once delivered to the saints." Equally confident is its language as to the doctrine of the church. Not only the correctness of the opposite party in its judgment of the church's doctrine, but the sincerity of its attachment to the church itself, is often called in question. To this evil habit there has ever been a strong propensity in human nature, wherever a difference of opinion exists on important questions, whether of Church or State, and the law of love has been often greatly violated. Zeal, whether for our church or country, often becomes an ungodly and uncharitable thing. One has called it "the curst ungodliness of zeal." We would not however be guilty of violating the law of love in another way, viz : by condemning as utterly void of piety and patriotism all who are even violent and denunciatory towards those whom they regard as in great error. We would not be fierce, even for moderation, lest we fall into the same condemnation. There is what has been called "an extreme middle," which is also to be avoided. To condemn all as wrong who are arrayed against each other in a warm contest on some important point, is a very easy and convenient way of deciding controversy ; one which requires little study, and oftentimes has little of charity in it. To judge righteous judgment is what God requires ; and as zeal without knowledge is not likely to do this, so neither is indifference to the distinctions between truth and error ; for religion is that thing, above all others, about which we are not allowed to be lukewarm.

Without further preface, let me state to my brethren the subject of this address. It will be the consideration of a delicate question, sometimes not very kindly handled, viz : "What constitutes true churchmanship, or who is that true churchman, that sincere and zealous friend and member of the church, who must not be charged with unfaithfulness or false-heartedness?" In the discussion of it, I shall make no invidious comparisons, indulge in no denunciations, but address myself honestly to the task, by such lights and authorities as the Word of God, faithful history, and the standards of the church may furnish.

First. In endeavoring to show wherein true churchmanship consists, and of course who the true churchman is, we should inquire into the origin and meaning of the terms. Though allowable when rightly used, yet are they not to be found in scripture, and for the most part have been unhappily and unkindly used. The word church, however,

from which they are drawn, is often used by the sacred writers, and there are also expressions in the scriptures setting forth what these terms intend to declare, viz : great zeal for the church of God, a true lover and faithful servant of the church. The word church, from whence they are derived, has a general as well as limited meaning. In its general sense it denotes all God's people, and whatever pertains to his kingdom. The true churchman, in regard to this sense of the term, is one who is zealous for all things appertaining to Christ's kingdom on earth, loves the whole church of God—the blessed company of God's faithful people—and shows his churchmanship by what he does for it and them. But there is a peculiar and restricted sense in which the word church is used, and from it, in that restricted sense, the terms churchman and churchmanship, as commonly used, are drawn. We read not only of the church of God—the church of Christ—but the church of Corinth, of Ephesus, &c. In all history we read in like manner of churches in the various countries of christendom. After a time, when a great division took place, we read of the Eastern and Western church, and at a still later period, of the Roman Catholic church, and of those who protested against its dominion and corruption. Among these we may reckon the Protestant Episcopal churches of England and America, the latter being derived from the former, and adopting her doctrine, worship, and polity, making only such changes as the differences of civil government required. The title of churchman was at an early period of her history given to a member of the established church of England ; and the distinctive appellations of high and low churchman were added to designate certain views entertained as to her scriptural claims, or her authority as the established church, or as to both.

In determining what true churchmanship is, we of America must leave out of view all that is peculiar to our mother church as an establishment, and any things in her which may have been altered after our Revolution. We may be allowed, and indeed are bound to have reference to the history of the reformation in England, the changes made in the prayer book, and the writings of the reformers ; for all these are genuine evidences of the mind of those who shaped our articles and prayers.

But beside these we have a very simple method of trying the true churchman, in those documents to which almost all declare that they appeal, as containing their views of doctrine and churchmanship, namely, our articles, liturgy, and homilies, as we now have them ; for though the two former have been subjected to several revisions, they are substantially the same as when first established. There are, it is true, those who seem disposed to erect another test or standard of orthodox churchmanship, almost elevating it to a level with that which is divine. They make, not the Reformation and the fathers of our Protestant church, the judge and pattern, but the church at some early period, and the writings of ancient fathers. They prefer to be called catholic churchmen or Catholics, thus inventing another name not found in scripture, and using it even more improperly than the other ; but as so many of them have of late years chosen to enlarge their title yet more, and become Roman Catholics, and as, with such exceptions, churchmen declare themselves willing to be tried by our acknowledged standards, we shall pass by these unhappy deserters, and proceed to the application of the admitted test to all others.

In the prayer book and homilies then we have the church's doctrine, worship, polity, discipline, and her bearing towards all other churches. Let us try the churchman by these, and in the order just mentioned.

1st. Who is the true churchman as to doctrine ? Since God has chosen to save men by the foolishness of preaching, and to sanctify souls by the truth, we may well give this the precedence. The true churchman, if a minister, while, according to his ordination

vows, he will carry every thing to the bible, making the law and testimony of God the rule of his faith and the substance of his preaching, will also have a conscientious regard to his subscription to the creeds which were completed at different periods, as they were called for, and to the articles, those more enlarged creeds, which were either drawn up, or confirmed after due examination, by men as competent, and we believe as much under the guidance of God's spirit, as those who executed the former—though from their length and the variety of subjects embraced in them, the latter are more likely to be misunderstood, and even to be in error. They were not merely drawn up in the first place by a few men of learning and piety, but have during the last three hundred years been subjected to re-examination by bishops, other ministers, and laymen, and been used and approved by millions of God's people in the Episcopal church in England, America, and elsewhere, and highly approved by other millions, not of our communion. But little variety of opinion can be entertained as to the meaning of those great fundamental doctrines which are the life and soul of them. If the same cannot be said of a few words and phrases in some of the offices, yet their general meaning is evidently in strict accordance with the articles. As the latter were designed to be, to a certain extent, expositions of the former, and set forth for the express purpose of determining controversies, the true churchman will see in all of them not yea, nay,—that is different doctrines and palpable contradictions—but the same mind of the same persons, (for they were the work of the same persons,) and will therefore honestly esteem both, even though he might desire to see more clearness in some passages, for the sake of concord. The true churchman will delight to see sound doctrine so well guarded, not merely by brief creeds, but by more specific articles, devotional offices and prayers. He will bless God that by such means greater unity is produced among her members than by all the infallible decrees of Rome, and that in some good degree false doctrines are kept out of our pale. He is not, however, required in the face of all history to affirm that these or any other articles or prayers can prevent all heresy, but that they are admirably formed for this purpose, as numbers not of our communion candidly acknowledge. He will not regard them as inspired, as some have done their symbolical books; he will not esteem them either as equal to scripture, or as unerring interpreters of scripture, but will love them as in his opinion superior to any human composition, either ancient or modern, as containing much of the very best which has come down to us from primitive times, as being the result of great piety, much learning, undaunted firmness, most laborious study, and as being worthy of most devout gratitude to that God, who, though he does not now inspire with unerring wisdom, as at the first, the expounders of scripture, does still fulfil his promise of being with his church to the end of the world, to preserve the sacred deposit of truth which was granted to it. Thus far and no farther can the true Protestant Episcopal churchman go, without going beyond our reforming fathers in England, and the reviewers of their works in this country. I need not add that the great doctrines which he will see in the prayer book, as the centre around which all others revolve, and which keep all others in their proper place, are those of the holy trinity, the atonement, the deep depravity of human nature, renewal by the Holy Spirit, justification by faith, and the sacraments as means of grace to those who use them faithfully. These must be received into an honest heart as the great doctrines of the church; else, all other zeal in its behalf will not constitute us true churchmen. The reformers would have repudiated all such as mere formalists, placing them with those who cried “the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we,” while the Lord of the temple was not in them by his spirit and his word.

2dly. Let us see who is the true churchman as to the next point, viz : the worship of the church. That it is a most important and influential part of the provision made in the prayer book for the promotion of our salvation must be acknowledged, from the fact that in all ages so much care has been taken to make it as perfect as possible. God's ancient people had their prayers for the temple and the synagogue, some of which have come down to us, and may be read at this day. Our Lord and his disciples often joined in their use. Others were added from time to time, more suited to Christian worship. One given to us by our Lord himself, was incorporated into every office and liturgy of the primitive church, and contains the substance of all other prayers into which it was amplified. With such high authorities, who can question the advantage of a public liturgy? and among the various liturgies which have been adopted from the earliest ages to the present time, who but must give the highest place to our own? With the word of God, the experience of so many ages, and all the liturgies of by-gone days before them as their guides, how could such holy, learned and faithful men otherwise than succeed in producing a book which for three hundred years has appeared so excellent that but little alteration has been called for? Is it weakness or superstition, or mere sectarianism, to rejoice in it, to make our boast of it, to bless God for it, and to regard it as a glorious inheritance bequeathed to us by our forefathers, from which we will never part? What individual or number of individuals, however holy and wise, if set down to prepare a liturgy without making use of the helps and materials of past ages, could have furnished one which may compare with it? In proof of which, let the prayer for public worship drawn up by that most holy and most talented man, Richard Baxter, and offered as a substitute for the English liturgy, be examined. Nothing could more effectually have established the superiority of our service, than the proposition to supercede it by that well meant effort, but most utter failure, of Mr. Baxter. When we consider also the efficacy of a liturgy for the use of ministers and people, in moulding the minds, establishing the principles, and directing the feelings of the worshippers, how can we sufficiently rejoice in having one of so holy, heart-stirring and sublime a character as our own? If it be true which has been said of the ballads of a country, that they have more power to form the character of its citizens than the statutes thereof, how much more true must it be of the prayers which are continually used, by comparison with any other provisions of the church? And who can but admire the spirit of our prayers? What book on earth save the bible is so full of Christ as the prayer book? Every petition is put up either to him, or through him: we fear to proceed more than a few short sentences in prayer, without stopping and calling on Christ to take our requests and plead for them with the Father. And need I speak of the spirit of adoption, the spirit of praise, of deep humility, of hungering and thirsting after righteousness, of earnest longing for more grace, which breathes throughout them? How can such poor creatures, who have need of so many helps to prayer, otherwise than rejoice in such? He that calls himself a churchman, and delights not in her prayers, has taken a misnomer to himself.

And yet, while the true churchman loves the church's prayers, he is not required to deny that there may be and are other prayers, either extempore or composed, which are most acceptable to God, when the heart goes with them. He may delight to think that so many thousands of petitions, public and private, uttered in other words, are most prevailing with heaven. He well knows that there were occasions when holy men of scripture, prophets, apostles, and our Lord himself, while generally uniting in established forms, must have used others—some of which indeed are interspersed through the

bible. He knows that our forefathers engaged in no warfare against other prayers, whether extempore or composed, but besides expressly sanctioning such, by rubric, in pastoral visits to the sick, used brief ones in the pulpit before and after sermons; specimens of which we have in connection with some of our homilies, and with many of the sermons of the old divines. Nor has it ever been attempted, either in England or America, to forbid what some practice even to this day. Nor has such practice ever led to the thought of superseding the liturgy of the church by any other prayers. And if such liberty has been ever allowed in the pulpit and before the great congregation, how much more on those occasions when the minister meets with a few of his people for prayer and exhortation in a less public way, especially when even then he shows his love of the church's prayers by using a portion of the same.

3dly. Let us now inquire what the true churchman holds as to the ministry and government of Christ's church.

To him, one thing seems to be clear, viz: that the church of God under each of its two great dispensations, has had divers orders of ministers in it. In the Jewish church, beyond dispute, there were the high priest, priest, and levite. In the Christian, we are expressly told that Christ "gave to his church," and that God "hath set in his church," ministers of different orders, and for different purposes, as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Although some of these were of short duration and for special purposes, yet the principle of subordination and the fact of divers orders seem to be clearly established. As to the number and precise office of those which were continued, there has been diversity of sentiment. At the time of the Reformation, the Pope, with his chief devotees, maintained that there were only two of divine appointment, viz: priests and deacons, and that the Pope gave to the bishops their pre-eminence over the presbyters. Some Protestants maintained that there was only one order of the ministry, though there were other officers to be helpers of the same. The wisdom and moderation of our church on this subject is worthy of all praise. In her articles she affirms nothing positively or dogmatically concerning it, although so clear and strong on the great points of doctrine. She only declares the necessity of a lawful call to the ministry, in opposition to self-constituted teachers. But in the preface to her ordination services, she exhibits the perfection of prudence, honesty, and charity, in stating the grounds of her own decision and action. She there affirms her undoubting belief that from the apostles' times, that is, even during their days, and ever since, there were and have been these orders, viz: bishops, priests, and deacons—that while the apostles themselves were exercising their high and peculiar gifts, there were these orders. In the services themselves, she speaks of God as by his spirit and divine providence appointing divers orders; not that Christ himself expressly appointed them with his own lips, as he did the sacraments, ordaining the apostles to be of the first order, and all bishops to be full and regular successors to them in office. On this disputed ground she did not venture. As to the precise amount of apostolic power granted to them, she says nothing. That they were successors to the apostles in some things, as inferior ministers were in other things, she doubtless held, although the only occasion on which the term apostolic succession is used, appears in an office (the institution of ministers) where it must comprehend all orders of the ministry, and refers to their descent from the apostles, not to the powers possessed by them. She must have been well aware that as prophets and evangelists had ceased to be used in the church, and as deacons had been created by the apostles, the Holy Ghost moving them thereto, so there were those who believed that

the apostolic office ceased with the first apostles, and that bishops, as a new order, were appointed to govern the church, and therefore may she have avoided the introduction of that disputed point.*

And now, if it be, or if we believe it to be, that God has not only thus showed his preference to a three fold ministry among the Jews, but by his spirit and providence led the apostles to ordain bishops, presbyters, and deacons, as officers in the church, what need we more to decide our choice most positively, and make us adhere to it most unwaveringly. Can we consent to place on the mere ground of human expediency, on account of the supposed advantages of episcopacy, that for which we think we can produce such an exhibition of God's will? Seeing that human nature, whether as to civil

* It may be thought that as for the most part the advocates of the apostolic succession, understood in its fullest sense, admit that some of the gifts of the apostles, as inspiration and miracles, ceased with them, and only the ordinary powers of government and ordination were continued to the bishops as their successors, and as the opponents also admit, that although, like the office of deacon, the episcopal office was a new one, established by the apostles under the direction of the Holy Ghost, yet it did succeed to some of the powers of the apostolic office, therefore the dispute is rather one of words or names, and not of much importance.

The opponents, however, think otherwise, and say that as the overgrown power of the Pope resulted from the doctrine of his succession to the alleged supremacy of Peter, so if each bishop is to be regarded as a regular successor to the apostles, who had those great and undefined powers which were necessary to the first establishment of Christianity, it may lead to a claim of much greater powers and privileges on their part than can consist with the rights of others and the welfare of the church. This apprehension has been increased of late years by the high claims of tractarians in behalf of bishops, who are declared by them to be the full successors to all the power, and channels of all the grace deposited in the apostles for the establishment and future government and sanctification of the church. The opponents also say that the church has not only rejected this doctrine, by subjecting bishops to laws made not by themselves only, but conjointly by other clergymen and laymen, thus restricting their power, as was not the case with the apostles, but has carefully refrained from any language identifying the episcopal with the apostolic office. A reference to the consecration service and other parts of the prayer book will show that they are correct in the affirmation of a careful avoidance of any expressions identifying the two offices. The bishops are indeed represented as doing some things after the example of the apostles—as in confirmation,—and reference is had to the apostles in the consecration service; yet are the bishops not declared to be of their order, not identified with them, as deacons and priests are with those who were first ordained to those orders. Let any one examine the various places, where, if this doctrine were certainly held by the church, and intended to be taught, it would have been most easy, natural, and proper to introduce it, and yet see how it is avoided, and he must conclude that it is only a matter of private inference on the part of those who hold it, and from insufficient data. It may have been one of those doubtful points about which she chose to be silent, knowing that there was a diversity of sentiment. If the learned Dr. Barrow's testimony is of weight on this subject, the fathers themselves did not identify the two offices, as some have inferred from their language. See his able treatise on the Pope's supremacy. If the author is not mistaken, the writings of the reformers furnish abundant evidence that some of them made the same distinction. That scripture which is most relied on for the identification of the two, is the promise of our Lord of being with the apostles to the end of the world. His presence with their successors in perpetuating the apostolic office and ordaining other ministers, is supposed to be the true meaning of that promise. Such does not seem to be sustained by the church's teaching. In the homily on the Holy Ghost this promise is regarded as given to the whole church, for the preservation of the faith. In the 99th hymn and in the institution office it is applied to all the ministers of the gospel, no intimation being given that it was chiefly for the successors of the apostles in perpetuating their offices. The 99th hymn is a kind of paraphrase of that passage in Ephesians which speaks of the appointment of divers orders in the ministry, viz: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

After speaking of the three former, as having been at the first, it represents the two last as still continuing,

"In lower forms, to bless our eyes,
Pastors from hence and teachers rise,
Who, though with feeblers rays they shine,
Still mark a long extended line.
So shall the bright succession run,
Through all the courses of the sun,
While unborn churches, by their care,
Shall rise and flourish large and fair."

Our present bishops of course must come under the denomination of pastors, who are carrying on the work begun by apostles, prophets, and evangelists, which is not only the opinion of some judicious commentators, but seems to be supported by the consecration service, where we find the term pastor emphatically applied to bishops. In that service, when, if ever, the church would identify the apostolic episcopal office, we find that the title of apostle is never given to the bishop, nor the term apostleship ever used. The terms used are bishop and pastor—the work of a bishop—the office to which you are called—this administration, etc. Reference is indeed made to the apostles in the service, and lessons from scripture are used which relate to them, and most properly too, for the bishop's office and work come nearest to that of the apostles, and follow after it; but, as Dr. Barrow remarks, a dictator may appoint some one to succeed him in government, but not in the same office of dictator, that being only temporary.

From what has been said, we may surely infer, that the church does not require to be believed, as essential to a true attachment to herself, what she has carefully avoided to inculcate in her standards.

If we sincerely receive what she plainly teaches as to the episcopal office, and those who fill it according to its requirements, and all men esteem them for their office, as well as work sake, we shall reap abundant benefits therefrom.

or religious concerns, is so much the same in every age, and that in every age subordination, divers orders and officers, both in church and state, are required, can we think that this was an intimation of the divine will only for a certain generation, and that other generations might at pleasure change it for one which seemed to be suitable to themselves? A true churchman cannot do this. He will love and respect that system which he believes to be God's will for the government of his household too much, to consent to any departure not justified by great necessity. But is it needful to go yet further in our belief of the divine appointment of such a ministry, and say of it, as of the holy sacraments, that it is appointed by Christ himself, or, as of the holy law, that God spake these words and said; and that it can admit of no change whatever, without destruction to the whole, and that no diversity of opinion on the subject can be admitted? Is it necessary to true churchmanship, to a sincere and hearty approval of our ecclesiastical organization, and a zealous promotion of it, that we affirm there can be no other ministry whose labors are accepted and blessed of heaven, no other church than that which has such a ministry? Then must we cease to claim fellowship on this point with our Anglican forefathers, must forget all the past history of our mother church, strike from the list of true churchmen her Cranmers, and Jewells, and Hookers, and a long line of her best bishops and other ministers, who held no such opinion, but declared the very contrary.

The well known sentiments also of such fathers of the American church as White, and Wharton, and Smith, the chief reviewers of our prayer book, must be repudiated, and the language of its preface and other parts be entirely changed. If any think that they see a more exclusive doctrine in God's Word, or in ancient tradition, they can only claim the privilege of holding it as a private opinion. To treat it, and require others to hold it, as the doctrine of the church, in spite of all her history, and to denounce those as false-hearted and unsound who do not, is itself, not only a violation of Christian charity, but, as we conceive, of true Protestant churchmanship, since nothing can be clearer than that our reformers in England, and our fathers in America, who impressed their views on the articles, offices and other parts of the prayer book, as well as set them forth in other ways, only held that our Episcopal regimen was essential to the perfection, and not to the existence of a church. And need we add, that when perfection is required as a true note or mark of a church of Christ, then will there cease to be one upon earth?

4thly. Having considered what true churchmanship is in regard to order and polity, let us see what are its views as to the discipline of the church.

Godly discipline has ever been regarded as one of the notes or marks of a true church. Our Protestant forefathers charged the church of Rome with being greatly wanting in this, and scarce deserving the name of church by reason of such want. Discipline relates to the laws of any society, and the penalties of disobedience. All institutions must have laws for the good government thereof. Christ's kingdom has its laws and penalties. Many of them were expressly appointed by Christ himself. Others, in conformity with the same, have from time to time been put forth by the church. No true churchman can otherwise than acknowledge the obligation of obedience to such as are lawfully enacted. To obey the powers ordained of God, whether civil or ecclesiastical, when exercised according to his revealed will, is a most bounden duty. The ministers of our church, at the time of their ordination, promise faithful obedience to those who are placed over them, and who exercise their authority according to prescribed rules or canons. A due respect also is required to their godly admonitions and judgments. This obedience and respect is to be shown not merely to those with whom we may agree in sentiment,

or sympathize in theological views, but conscientiously, as to the Lord; and it may be done without any improper sacrifice of Christian liberty or right of private judgment.

As to all the rules and regulations of the church called canons, rubrics, or by any other name, whether the observance be specially required by rulers or not, the true churchman will hold himself bound to do it. He will not select certain of them, such as he most approves, or most accord with his doctrines, and scrupulously observe those, making such observance a test of churchmanship, and denouncing those who do not, but he will do with them as with the laws of God, resolve to obey them all, out of respect to the authority enjoining them. And yet, as even the laws of God differ in importance, and may some of them be omitted or disobeyed under peculiar circumstances; since God himself, preferring mercy to sacrifice, allows even his holy sabbath to be violated as to its letter, and sacrifices and offerings to be withheld; so a wise discretion has ever been conceded to God's ministers in the observance of inferior rules, or in regard to things become obsolete, having due reference to times, places, and circumstances. Wherever such discretion has not been allowed, or exercised, the result has been that men have strained at the gnat and swallowed the camel, have tithed mint, anise, and cummin, and neglected the weightier matters of the law. It should always be remembered that as the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath, so rubrics and canons were made for the church, and not the church for them. In the course of a ministry of more than forty years, during which I have mingled much with brethren of all orders of the ministry, and all shades of opinion, and of course had much opportunity of observation, I have often discerned the propensity in persons of different views, habits, and latitudes, to select their own favorite rubrics and customs for strict observance, and pass others by as of little importance, while severely condemning those who did not think and act with themselves. As to that part of discipline which consists in the enforcement of penalties, whether on the clergy or laity, it is proper to say something. The true churchman, zealous for the honor, anxious for the purity of the church, remembering that judgment will begin at the house of God, and what charges are given on the subject in the sacred writings, will not be loose and negligent as to godly discipline. If the primitive church in some respects may have gone to an extreme in its use, the church of England, ever since the Reformation, has mourned over the want of it and prayed its restoration. Although too many of friends and foes, in England and America, have seemed to consider it a prominent feature in the church to leave all but the most extreme offenders to God and their own conscience, such was not the opinion and design of the reformers, however hindered they may have been in the execution thereof. They drew their estimate of evil living, both in the clergy and laity, from the early church, and renewed some of the canons of the same. They understood the works of the devil, the lusts of the flesh, the pomps and vanities of the world, as renounced in the baptismal vows, which vows were copied from the primitive liturgies, as they were understood in primitive times, that is, as being all manner of sins, whether of the flesh or spirit, all the vain and sinful amusements of the world, in which some professing Christians have ever delighted. Instead, therefore, of the true churchman leaving it to puritans and those of other denominations to condemn and oppose these things, and exercise discipline thereon, if he follows the reformers, as they followed the apostles and fathers, and is true to the spirit and design of our baptismal vows, rubrics, and canons, none will be more decided in his condemnation of all evil living, and when either clergy or laity, of whatever order or rank, shall transgress, and bring reproach on the church, will be ready to sustain and enforce all godly discipline.

Lastly. Let us inquire into the feelings and conduct of the true churchman toward all who call themselves by the name of Christ. This has become a most delicate and important question, by reason of the numerous divisions of christendom, and the differences existing between the churches thereof. To say nothing of those before the Reformation, at that time large numbers, in connection with, and in subjection to the church of Rome, renounced her unscriptural authority, her false doctrines, and corrupt worship. They who thus renounced her were divided into separate churches themselves, according to the different countries in which they lived, various circumstances contributing to modify their forms of church polity and public worship. In one thing, however, they have all agreed, viz: in refusing communion with the church of Rome, on account of her many abominations. The church of Rome, on the other hand, has never ceased to anathematise them and their descendants as schismatics and heretics who have no part or lot in the church of God. She also continues to this day the same in doctrine, worship, and manners; and if Protestants are true to the principles of the Reformation, there can be no communion as churches, or as individuals, in religious ordinances, whatever may be the charities of social life. The consistent Protestant churchman who holds the Reformation in esteem, understands and appreciates the differences between us and Rome, must perceive, that whilst she continues unchanged, any approximation on our part must be a departure from the principles of the Reformation, and fraught with danger. Our mother church for a long time publicly prayed against the wiles and artifices of Rome; and although we wish not that prayer restored, if we do not watch and pray continually, and adopt all proper means of defence, we shall suffer from that same foe, whether going about as a roaring lion, or in the garb of an angel of light.

As to the intercourse of Protestants and Protestant churches, one with another, it has varied according to times and circumstances. Some have refused intercommunion when it was believed that there had been such a departure from the faith, as set forth in the Bible, and the confessions adopted at the Reformation, as would justify such a refusal. I need not say that our forefathers of the Reformation held most friendly communion with the ministers and members of those continental churches with which they agreed so well in doctrine. They differed from them as to church polity and worship, but did not consider this as a bar to such friendship and co-operation as they could not conscientiously have with Rome. They could and did unite with them in the publication and circulation of that Bible whose use Rome forbids. They could and did unite in writing, circulating, and using tracts, catechisms and books, which were called for by the times in which they lived.

In the progress of events, and when secession, on what she regarded insufficient grounds, began to take place from the bosom of the English church, it was not to be expected that this same sympathy and joint action should continue in all things, either as to kind or degree. But still even dissenters from the church of England were never regarded as the corrupt followers of Rome. They were never denounced as the great anti-Christ of scripture. On the contrary, whereas upon more than one occasion when Rome was seeking to regain her lost influence and authority, we find all Protestants uniting as against a common foe, we never hear of English churchmen invoking the aid of Rome to put down Protestant dissent within the realm.*

* See how differently the Protestants from the Continent are entertained at the great National Fair now going on in England, from the followers of Rome. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, and noble laymen, are active in providing churches for the former, for the use of ministers and people, and addressing them in the most fraternal manner, while denouncing the latter as enemies. Such a course is surely not the *via mediæ* between Rome and Geneva.

What then is the proper course to be pursued by a true and consistent churchman, whether Anglican or American, who desires to be regulated by the principles and practices of our forefathers? Will he seek to find some road just equi-distant between the church of Rome and the non-Episcopal churches of the Reformation, or, as is sometimes said, between Rome and Geneva? Such surely is not the road once travelled by our forefathers, and so deeply stained with the blood of the martyrs of the English church. Such surely is not the road marked out in our prayer book and homilies. What if it be granted that our church has retained some few things which others laid aside, and thus may be said to stand between Rome and Geneva; let it be remembered that one may stand between two points, or travel between two roads, and yet be very near to the one, while a great way off from the other. A churchman might in some things go between the two, and yet be very far from that *via media* for which some contend, and which, as the experience of the last few eventful years has proved, too often leads, like the old *Via Appia*, into the main street of Rome. The true churchman will indeed condemn and avoid all things which seem to be contrary to God's word, and those standards which he has sincerely adopted, but then he will make a great difference between the corruptions of Rome and the backslidings of some Protestants. The false doctrines, idolatrous worship, and evil practices of Rome are established by her highest authority, are universally adopted, are gloried in, are required to be received of all in order to salvation. The apostacies of Protestants are those of individuals and parties who have deviated from the acknowledged standards of their churches, and are very few by comparison with those of Rome. Such are the Socinians, the Unitarians and Neologists of Europe and America who have departed from the faith of their Protestant fathers, and some of whom have troubled Episcopal churches from the days of Arius to the present moment. Let us be thankful that under God our articles and prayers and apostolic form of government have contributed much to keep us more sound in the faith than some who have not enjoyed the same advantages, and let us adhere to them most steadily and zealously on that account. And now, if it be said, seeing there is such great difference between the errors of Rome and of some Protestant churches, may we not, while refusing all fellowship with the one, indulge in the freest and fullest intercourse with the other; we answer, it requires but little experience to satisfy a sound-minded person that the communion and amalgamation which some good people think so very desirable, and for which some designing ones argue, as may suit their purpose, is utterly impracticable without producing worse evils than those sought to be avoided. This is true of all the various divisions of the Christian world, but especially so in relation to our church, differing as it does so much from others as to its ministry and worship. The wise and candid of all denominations see and feel that common churches, mixed services and partnership concerns fail of their object, or at any rate can only be justified in some infant state of religious society, and as exceptions to a general rule. But it may be asked, whether, beside that Christian intercourse which the truly pious of every name should be always ready to hold as individuals and neighbors, there are not some objects and occasions which may unite not only the hearts but the hands of Protestants in promoting the truth as it is in Jesus, as was the case with our forefathers, and thereby prove to Romanists and infidels that we are agreed on the great essentials of the Christian faith, and are earnestly desirous for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. The false assertion of Rome, that Protestants were all in utter confusion among themselves, was disproved by the fact that they agreed together, as we have said, in publishing and circulating the Bible, and many other books setting forth the great undisputed truths of the Bible, and subsequently presenting in one

volume all their confessions, thereby showing a wonderful agreement on main points. And are there no such institutions in our day, having the same objects in view, in which all Protestants may unite without any sacrifice of principle? What shall we say of those noble institutions of England and America which are distributing in almost every tongue millions of the sacred scriptures, in which of course all denominations believe they are disseminating their own views of divine truth without any abatement? And may we not add to these at least two great associations of our land, in which for so many years Christians of the leading denominations have so harmoniously and effectively combined, our own church having ever been fully and ably represented therein? * Who does not rejoice to think of the circulation by them of millions of excellent books, tracts, catechisms, and hymns, suitable for every age and class, and from which nothing is omitted which any but Romanists would consider essential to salvation? We cannot but regard these institutions as raised up by Providence, as for other reasons, so especially for uniting Protestants in one common effort against the assaults of Rome in these latter days, when the battle of the Reformation is again to be fought, and by no church more vigorously than our own. A more effective antidote to the poison which she would insinuate into all ranks of our citizens cannot well be conceived, than is to be found in those almost innumerable publications which are carried as by the winds of heaven into every nook and corner of our land. If it be pleaded that some things which different denominations deem important must be left out of these publications, we reply, let such things be set forth as they already are, and ever will be, by other societies. Denominational zeal will always do this. And if any, either from conscientious scruples, or other cause, choose to devote their efforts and means entirely to these latter institutions, they of course have full liberty so to do, but let not such upbraid with false-heartedness to their own church, any who differ from them. For one, I shall not let my liberty be judged of in such matters by other men's conscience or opinion. Nor with such examples as I have quoted, and those which in every period since the Reformation might be adduced, do I feel that I am the less sincere and true in my loyalty to the church of my fathers and of my choice. And I humbly conceive that as the citizens of our country show their patriotism and attachment to the constitution by a becoming respect to the well known sentiments and conduct of the heroes and statesmen who secured our liberties and founded our government, so may we show our churchmanship, as Protestants, by a filial though not superstitious regard to the sentiments, and a respectful though not slavish following after the example of the reformers and fathers of our church.

CONCLUSION.

In drawing these remarks to a close let me now sum up in a few words the impression which prevails in my mind as to the character of a true churchman in our branch of the Christian church.

1st. He is one who is sincerely attached to the doctrines thereof, as seen in the prayer book, and confirmed by the contemporaneous writings of those who drew up the prayer book in England, or revised it in America; not as interpreted by the fathers, or what is called Catholic consent. Nevertheless, according to the prayer book, he acknowledges the Bible as the only divine rule of faith, and esteems the doctrines of the church because he believes them to be according to that divine rule. 2d. He loves the liturgy of the church because he believes it to be according to the doctrines of the Bible

* The American Sunday School Union and American Tract Society.

and prayer book. As to her worship, he seeks to enter into its deep spirit of devotion, without which all his admiration and praise of it will be of no avail. If he be a minister, he will read it as one who feels its truth, and will seek to induce his congregation to unite audibly and heartily with him. If a parent, he will not only open his mouth and utter it as one not ashamed, but seek to lead his children and others to do the same. 3d. As to the ministry and government of the church, he will show his belief of its apostolic appointment and many excellencies, by obeying, according to his station, those who are over him in the Lord. He will honor each order of that ministry which he believes to have come down from the apostles, according to its office and the authority given to it, not wishing to elevate or depress either of them. 4th. As to those divisions of christendom which have, whether through unavoidable necessity, or mistaken judgment, deviated from what he conceives to be the apostolic regimen, he will seek to judge of them and act towards them as God sets the example and our forefathers followed. He will see that God chose to use them as he did the reformers of our mother church, for restoring true faith and piety when they were almost vanished from among men; and that, to the present day, he still continues to use them for the purpose of promoting his cause upon earth. While therefore he laments what he regards as a defect, through which great evils have entered their communion, he dares not reject from the church of Christ those whom Christ hath thus honored, but, as he hopes to meet with them and be ever with them in his presence hereafter, so he delights to walk with them in love here below, and co-operate in all good works, so far as can be done without the sacrificing of conscience, and the engendering of discord and confusion. As a man may be a patriot and a philanthropist at the same time, may love his own country especially, and yet love the whole human race, so the churchman may love above all other his own particular church and seek its prosperity more diligently, and yet love all the people of God, by whatever name they be called. Thus while especially devoted to his own church, and even to some portion of the same, it may be truly said of him,

" To sect or party his large soul
Disdains to be confined,
The good he loves of every name
And prays for all mankind."

His charity only begins at home; it knows no bounds but those set by God himself for his own benevolence.

" God loves from whole to parts, but human soul
From individual to the whole."

I confess, my brethren, that I have always loved our own and mother church for this, as for many other reasons, that I think in her whole history, from the Reformation to the present day, there has been a due admixture of this liberal feeling towards others with a most ardent attachment to her own peculiarities. If in either of them there has been, whether in public acts or private opinions, any thing to the contrary, (nor is this denied,) it is believed that the great body of her members have not partaken of it. The high station they have occupied, and the intelligence belonging to them, have doubtless contributed not a little to such liberality; but the spirit breathing through all her devotions, and the character and example of her early reformers and martyrs, and the compilers of her prayer book, have contributed much more. In her whole history there is also much to interest, though not without that which we must all lament and condemn. Let the history of the English church be stricken from the annals of christendom, let the

memoirs of her bishops, other ministers and eminent laymen be consigned to oblivion, let all the volumes of sermons, theological treatises and devotional works be dismissed from the libraries of the divines of every denomination, and what a melancholy blank would be created. And may I not add, that if the history of her youthful daughter in America, as seen in the early efforts for her first establishment on the part of English friends, in the difficulties encountered in our own country, in the character of many of her leading advocates both among the clergy and laity, and in the success which, through God's blessing, has crowned their labors, be considered, we have much to interest our minds and much to endear her to our hearts. And may I not further add, that as there is a church of England and America which we are allowed to love above all other great divisions of the church of Christ upon earth, so there is to us, my brethren and friends, a church in Virginia which we may love and care for with a yet more special affection. Is there nothing peculiarly interesting in her history to justify the historiographer of the church in the United States to choose it for his first effort? Is there nothing in her earliest history to excite even a romantic interest in her behalf, though there be much more to mourn over in the progress thereof? Is there nothing to the same end in her struggles for existence itself at the close of the revolution, when thousands were crying out "down with her, down with her, even to the ground?" Is there nothing to sustain our faith and excite our gratitude to God, in the most unexpected resuscitation of her from a state of apparent death? Is there nothing to endear her to the heart in the repaired temples of our forefathers, and even in the yet remaining ruins of some of the old ones? Is there nothing to commend her to our choice in the character of those individuals and families who in times of desertion still adhered to her fallen fortunes, and whose descendants now constitute the great body of her communion? Is there nothing in her well attended conventions, and the affection which has ever bound our hearts together on such occasions, to make us love the church in this diocese? Is there nothing to commend it to our affection and confidence in that seminary which has not only supplied our own State with so many faithful ministers, but whose hundreds of alumni are to be seen in all parts of our own land, and yet more, who form so large a proportion, almost indeed the entire band, of those devoted missionaries who, in Europe, Asia, and Africa, are seeking to spread the glorious gospel through the world?

Is it weakness, my friends, to love such a church, and speak of it sometimes even to boasting? Not, if at the same time we mourn over our unworthiness as members thereof, and do not withhold the candid acknowledgment of much error and sin pervading our portion, as well as all other portions of Zion. But with such feeling and confession we may, and I trust all of us will, as to our church in its wide extension through the earth, and in her special location in our midst, take up the language of one of our sweet hymns:

Beyond my highest joys
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.
If e'er my heart forget
Her welfare or her woe,
Let every joy this heart forsake
And every grief o'erflow.
For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given,
"Till toils and cares shall end."

The hour for divine service having arrived, on motion, the Convention took a recess till after service.

The Convention again assembled after church. Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns in the Chair. The following committees were then announced by the Assistant Bishop :

Committee on the State of the Church:

Rev. E. C. McGuire,	Francis H. Smith,
" Alexander Jones,	Thomas N. Burwell,
" George Adie,	John Chewing,
" J. H. Wingfield,	Edward Valentine,
" C. W. Andrews,	Hugh N. Pendleton,
" William Norwood,	Samuel W. Shelton.

Committee on the Episcopal Fund:

Rev. C. B. Dana,	John Rowlett,
" William M. Jackson,	William Noland,
" William V. Bowers,	Dr. William Nelson.

Committee on Finance:

E. S. Pegram,	Bushrod C. Washington,
	George M. Carrington.

Committee on the Missionary Society of the Diocese :

Rev. George Woodbridge,	Rev. H. S. Kepler,
Charles A. Grice,	Holt Wilson,
	Edmund Valentine.

Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Funds:

Rev. John B. McGuire,	C. W. Andrews,
	Dr. William Nelson.

Committee on Parochial Reports:

Rev. J. F. Hoff,	C. J. Gibson,
D. M. Wharton,	Thurmer Hoggard,
	T. N. Burwell.

Committee on New Parishes;

Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	Pike Powers,
" Joshua Peterkin,	S. Stillman,
" G. S. Carraway,	W. T. L. Finch.

Rt. Rev. John Johns then read his report, as follows :

BISHOP JOHNS'S REPORT.

In enumerating the services of the past conventional year, those performed at Alexandria during the session of the Convention, are the first in order:

May 18th, I lectured in Christ Church, and the next morning, in the same church, I confirmed five persons. 22d, I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore. 29th, I conse-

crated St. John's Church, Portsmouth. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Chisholm; service by the Rev. Messrs. Cheevers and Jackson, assisted in the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Carraway; sermon by myself. St. John's is a neat and convenient brick edifice, favorably located, and has connected with it a commodious parsonage. The whole arrangement is highly creditable to the congregation so recently organized, and furnishes reasonable hope of growing efficiency. At night, in the same church, I confirmed three persons. 30th, in Christ Church, Norfolk, I baptized the infant son of the Rector. It was my intention to have proceeded immediately to Princess Ann, but as the notice had not been received in time to be sufficiently circulated, it was deemed advisable to postpone the service, and another appointment was made for June 23d.

June 9th, I preached at Westover Church in the morning, and in the afternoon addressed the congregation of colored persons under the care of the Rev. Mr. Leavell. On this visit, I baptized the Rector's daughter, and also the youngest four children of Mr. Selden. 15th, I preached at Old Church, Hanover, and confirmed one person. 16th, I preached at St. Peter's, New Kent. These two churches, vacated by the removal of the Rev. E. McGuire to Westmoreland, are still without a minister. 23d, the day assigned for Princess Ann, I was again disappointed, being detained at home by the sudden illness of a member of my family. 27th, I preached at Hampton, then without a Rector, but since supplied by the Rev. John C. McCabe, who officiates also on the south side of the river, in the Old Church, near Bacon's Castle.

July 10th, 11th, 12th, I attended the examinations at the Seminary and High School. 11th, I lectured in the morning in Christ Church, Alexandria. 12th, I assisted in the ordination services in the same church, and admitted to Priests' Orders the Rev. Wm. N. Irish. At night, in St. Paul's Church, I preached and confirmed ten. 13th, I preached in the church at Little Falls and confirmed two. At night, in Zion Church, Fairfax Court House, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Dana, I addressed the congregation and confirmed four. 14th, at Centreville, I consecrated St. John's Church; sentence of consecration by the Rector; sermon by myself; Rev. Messrs. Dana and Dalrymple were present, and participated in the services. This church, the first ever erected in this village, is well situated to supply the wants of a hitherto very destitute neighborhood. 15th, I preached in the church at Hay Market. 16th, I preached in the church at Warrenton and confirmed thirteen. At night, after the Rev. Mr. Dana, I addressed the congregation. 17th, in the same church, I admitted to Priests' Orders the Rev. Charles H. Shields; the service was read by the Rev. Mr. Norton; the candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Dana; sermon by myself. 19th, I preached at St. James' Church, Culpepper. 21st, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Culpepper county; sentence of consecration by the Rev. Mr. Cole; service by the Rev. Mr. Stringfellow; sermon by myself. I also confirmed five. 22d, in the morning, I preached in St. Stephen's, Culpepper Court House. At night, in the same church, I confirmed three. 24th, I preached in St. Thomas's Church, Orange Court House, and confirmed two. 29th, I preached in St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle. 31st, I consecrated St. John's Church, Columbia; the sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Clover; service by the Rev. Mr. Ambler; sermon by myself.

August 4th, on my way to visit several places in the interior, west of the mountains, I preached, both morning and night, in Trinity Church, Staunton. 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, I was occupied in crossing the mountains to Lewis county. 9th, near Buchanan, in an old building by the way side, I preached and confirmed two. 10th, at Weston, I preached in the morning, and at night again addressed the congregation. 11th, in the same

place, I preached; united in the administration of the communion, and confirmed seven. The new church in this place, though not sufficiently advanced for consecration, was furnished with temporary seats and accommodated a large congregation. Our services in this vicinity are comparatively of recent introduction. Judging from what I have seen, they seem to be favorably received. More has already been effected than was anticipated. Our worthy brother who labors there at a distance from all clerical association, is entitled to aid in meeting the expenses incurred in erecting their building. Just at this crisis, a little help will greatly lighten his work, and, under God's blessing, secure the permanent establishment of the Church in one of the most interesting regions of Western Virginia. 12th, I rode twenty-three miles to Clarksburg, and preached in the Methodist Church to a large congregation. 13th, this day was occupied in reaching Fairmount, where I preached at night in the Presbyterian Church. In this vicinity I found several families attached to our church, and very solicitous to enjoy its stated services. 14th, after a rough ride of five and twenty miles, I reached Morgantown, where I remained several days, and preached on the 16th at night, and on the 18th, both morning and night, in the Methodist Church, which was kindly loaned to us for our services. Our members here are not numerous, but they are firm and faithful. A single man suited to the place, able and willing to do diligently the work of an evangelist, would be kindly received and cared for there, and would soon be in a suitable church of his own. At present, our friends there are joint owners with another denomination of a very good brick building, but as our partners had made their appointments for the very days on which our services were to take place, we, as I have stated, were generously accommodated elsewhere. These ecclesiastical firms, wherever tried, have, by all parties, been found inconvenient, and I am gratified to know that as soon as our people in Morgantown can secure a minister for themselves, a different arrangement will be made.

I cannot leave the noble country through which, for the last fortnight, I have been itinerating, without claiming for it your special consideration as a field for Missionary operations. The unsurpassed grandeur of its mountains—the fertility of its beautiful valleys—its rich and inexhaustible mineral treasures—its rapidly increasing and industrious occupants, indicate infallibly its distinguished destiny. Those internal improvements now in progress, connecting it with our principal maritime cities and opening to it an adequate market, must vastly augment its productions, and by disclosing its peculiar advantages to the view of enterprising settlers, cover it with an active and prosperous population. These quickening influences are already strongly stirring there. They are seen and felt at every turn, even by the transient traveler. The accumulating results, like other modern developments, will surprise the most sanguine. To the operation of such potent agencies we have not been much accustomed. Our stereotyped habits have rendered us slow to conceive and covet such advancement. But, unless the signs of the times are strangely deceptive, our day for this progress is at hand—what other States have experienced we are to see largely manifested in our Western region—and it is for us as an important branch of the Christian Church, to discern the dawn and prepare to do our responsible part in the eventful work of the opening day. As that interesting portion of this extensive Commonwealth wakes into full activity, it is ours to see that due preparation be made to meet its spiritual wants. Before it teems with new population our preachers should be there with all the plastic powers of revealed truth, and all the appointed appliances of Divine grace, that the social system as it organizes there may take the form, attain the symmetry, and become instinct with the spirit of the Gospel. In aiding the accomplishment of this object we shall best discharge our bounden duty, and

most happily provide for our own peace and prosperity. Thoroughly evangelize this great State, and we need little fear the vicissitudes of political ascendancies; for sanctified rule, wherever it may be seated, will govern with equity, and be felt only by the blessings which it diffuses. The virtual concentration of communities produced by those facilities of quick and easy intercommunication which the triumphs of modern science and art are fast furnishing, may, unless the elements thus brought together be happily harmonized, only hasten or render more disastrous the explosion which must ensue. Where the minds of men are misguided and their hearts grieved in disaffection, it is vain to rely on the restraining power of written constitutions or the conservative influence of paper guarantees. To give stability to the civil institutions which we prize, and perpetuate the liberties in which we rejoice, the Gospel presents the only efficient basis, and supplies the only effectual bands. Its golden rule of righteousness and its golden chain of love cannot be dispensed with without periling even our political prosperity. Let us, then, gird ourselves for generous and unwearied effort, that we may zealously co-operate with our brethren in the Western section of the State in planting and extending there the Church of our affections, and so secure the prevalence of that healthful and holy influence which will cement our fraternal union, and ensure Heaven's special blessing on this favored Commonwealth.

On my return East, I officiated as follows:

September 2d, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown. 9th, I preached in Trinity Church, Washington. 16th, I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore. 23d, on my route to the General Convention, I preached in St. Mark's Church, New York. The proceedings of the General Convention occupied us a fortnight.

In this time I officiated as follows:

October 5th, preached in Christ Church, Cincinnati. 12th, preached in College Hall, and at night, in Trinity Church, Covington. On the adjournment of the Convention, I proceeded to visit the churches on the Ohio. The low stage of water at the time deprived us of the usual mode of conveyance, and we travelled by land through the interior of the State to Wheeling. 20th, in St. John's Church, South Wheeling, after a sermon by Bishop Burgess, I confirmed twenty-two, and at night, I preached in the same church. 22d, at Moundsville, a missionary station, at which the Rev. Mr. Hyland officiates, I preached and confirmed eight. 23d, accompanied by the Rev. J. D. McCabe, I left Wheeling and descended the river to a missionary station at Cow Creek. 24th, I preached in a small log house on the river bank, and after the services we rode twenty-six miles to Parkersburg. The constant rain during the next day interfered with our proposed services at Bellevue, another missionary station, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Perkins, and where there is a church ready for consecration. 27th, I consecrated Trinity Church, Parkersburg; the sentence of consecration was read by the Rector, and the service by the Rev. J. D. McCabe; sermon by myself. The church, commenced by the late Rev. T. Smith, whose tomb is in the tower, is an appropriate monument of his zeal and faith in the good cause to which he and all he had were so honestly devoted. The building is Gothic, and furnished in good taste. I trust its completion will give a new impulse to the congregation, and be followed by the adding to the Church many "such as shall be saved." On this occasion I confirmed three persons. 28th and 29th, we were occupied in returning to Wheeling. 30th, I went to Wellsburg, and preached there at night. 31st, I consecrated St. John's Church, Brooke county; the sentence of consecration and service were read by the Rev. Mr. Hyland; sermon by myself. This neat brick church is a substitute for a decayed frame building. The congregation, as

well as the one at Wellsburg, are at present under the care of the Rev. Mr. Hyland, who also officiates at Moundsville, below Wheeling.

November 1st, I consecrated St. John's Church, South Wheeling; the sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong; sermon by myself. This church was to have been consecrated the week previous, on my first visit, but the scaffolding at the entrance for the purpose of finishing the tower could not then be removed, and the service was postponed. This congregation of St. John's has been collected and organized, and their church erected, within a few months. Appearances indicate that this is only an initiatory movement and a temporary habitation; for although the building just completed is very creditable to the young congregation, its rapid growth has already led to the securing of another lot, with a view, in due time, to a larger and more permanent edifice. At night, in the same church, I confirmed eight, one of whom was from the Missionary station at Cow Creek. 3d, in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, I admitted the Rev. William L. Hyland to Priests Orders; the service was read by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins; the candidate was presented by the Rev. J. D. McCabe; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong. At night, in the same church, I preached and confirmed forty-eight, one of whom was from St. John's. This large accession to St. Matthew's was particularly gratifying to me as an evidence of the continued blessing of God on the services of an early and devoted friend, with whom, at the commencement of our ministry, I had labored, side by side, in adjacent parishes in the Diocese of Maryland, and whom, on this my third visit, I was glad to meet and greet in the midst of his unabated usefulness. Moreover, in the encouraging increase of St. Matthew's, it was highly satisfactory to find that its prosperity, instead of being arrested by the secession necessary in the formation of the new congregation, is still on the advance—that the separation of the promising scion had but promoted the growth and fertility of the parent stock. 10th, on my route home I passed a Sunday in Baltimore, and preached morning and night in Christ Church. 18th and 25th, I preached in the Asylum at Williamsburg, supplying the place of the Chaplain, who was confined by sickness. 28th, I preached in the Lecture Room of Christ Church, Norfolk.

January, 1831, I again preached in the Asylum. 19th, I preached in the Church in Williamsburg. 29th, I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

February 2d, I preached in the church in Williamsburg. 9th, in the church at Williamsburg, I admitted Henry F. Groves to Deacons Orders; the service was read by the Rev. E. Withers; the sermon was preached and the candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. Totten. 16th, I preached, morning and night, in the Centurion Church, Old Point.

March 26th, I lectured in the church at Williamsburg. 30th, in the morning, I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, and confirmed thirteen. In the afternoon, I preached in St. James' Church and confirmed twelve. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Balch, I confirmed five, one of whom was from St. James' Church.

April 6th, I preached in the church in Williamsburg. 11th, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk. 12th, in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, I admitted the Rev. L. P. Clover to Priests Orders; the service was read by the Rev. A. Smith, and the Rev. J. C. McCabe; sermon by the Rev. John H. Wingfield; and the candidate was presented by the Rev. James Chishelm. I also confirmed one person. 13th, in the morning, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and confirmed forty, of whom twenty were colored persons. At night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-eight, of whom ten were colored persons, connected with Christ Church. These large additions to congregations already numerous, have suggested the expediency of erecting a new church, and

I found the subject so seriously agitated by those interested, that I am persuaded they will not be long in its accomplishment. The number of servants who have recently joined our communion there, and who are regarded but the first fruits of a greater ingathering, seems to indicate the necessity of providing enlarged accommodations. 14th, I had an appointment at St. John's, Portsmouth, but it was thought expedient to postpone it on account of the weather. 24th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Withers, I left home to visit several of the congregations south of James River. At night, I preached in Smithfield, and confirmed three from the church in Surry, near Bacon's Castle. 25th, we proceeded to Dr. Urquhart's, where we passed the night, and by making an early start the next morning, reached Jerusalem in time for service. 26th and 27th, I preached each day in the Court House at Jerusalem, and attended other services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Withers and the Rev. Mr. Wilcoxon. In the county of Southampton, there are many families attached to the Episcopal Church and desirous to enjoy the privileges of her ministry. During the past year they have been occasionally supplied by the brethren of the ————— Convocation. We found the congregations large, attentive and serious. In time past there were not less than three churches in that county. At present our people there have no church of their own, and no one to break to them the bread of life. They are, however, able and ready to put up a suitable building, and prepared to contribute to the support of a minister. I trust they will not long be left "as sheep without a Shepherd." 28th, I preached to a large congregation in Immanuel Church, Sussex. The Rev. Mr. Roberts gives to this place his fifth Sundays. Its proper connexion is with Southampton, and the two furnish a promising field of labor. 29th, I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg, and confirmed seven. 30th, I preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, and confirmed three. Other candidates were prevented from attending by the heavy rain.

May 7th, I left home to meet my appointments on my way to the Convention. 8th, I lectured in St. Paul's Church, Richmond. 9th and 10th were occupied in reaching Lynchburg. On arriving there I found that, as the new church was not quite completed, it was deemed desirable to defer its consecration, and the next morning, at an early hour, I proceeded to a church in the vicinity. 11th, I preached in St. Stephen's, Bedford, and confirmed seven. 13th, in the morning, I preached in the church at Liberty, and confirmed two. At night, I preached again in the same church. 15th, I preached in St. John's, Roanoke, and confirmed two. 16th, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Fincastle, and confirmed six. 17th, I preached in Trinity Church, Buchanan, and confirmed four. 18th, I preached in Grace Church, Lexington, and confirmed seven. 19th, the preacher selected to deliver the anniversary sermon before the Bible Society of the Military Institute having been prevented from attending, I accepted an invitation from the Committee, and addressed the members and others, assembled in Grace Church.

In the detail of services thus rendered, I have taken occasion to advert to some of the many and interesting spheres of missionary operation which this extensive Diocese presents. In view of the work to which we are thus providentially invited, and in the prosecution of which I am sure of your readiness to unite, permit me to renew my appeal on behalf of the Society organized for this purpose by our Convention. I am thankful to perceive a growing interest and increasing patronage in reference to this institution. On its past and present efficiency I need not dwell. The pleasing proof is apparent in every part of the Diocese. What has thus been accomplished, however, but widens our horizon and discloses more to be done. Only strengthen the sinews of this tried arm of which I speak, by liberal contributions and believing prayers, and, under God, the good

work will proceed. Then all our people will learn to know and praise Him, "and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing."

In closing this report, some allusion may be expected to the condition and prospects of the College of William and Mary, with which, by the advice of the Convention, I am officially connected. We are now in our second session since the re-organization. Our matriculation list has been doubled, and we have the promise of an addition at the beginning of the next term in October, quite as large as the healthful growth of the institution will allow. Notwithstanding the opposition which, from various quarters, we have encountered, and the failure of patronage from those on whom we supposed we might rely, our success has thus far quite equalled my expectation. We shall soon see whether the experiment will fully answer the hope by which it was recommended. In the management of the institution no serious difficulty has yet been experienced; and with the co-operation of my able and judicious colleagues, and the countenance and support of the Board of Visitors, I promise myself that we shall be able to establish for the College a reputation which will render it attractive to such students as we seek to educate.

J. JOHNS.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, and, on motion, was handed to the Committee on Finance.

The clergy were then called upon in alphabetical order for their parochial reports, which were referred to the Committee on Parochial Reports.

The Rev. Mr. Dana read the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the Diocese during the past conventional year.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, together with the account of the Treasurer, were presented and referred to the appropriate committee.

On motion, the Rev. C. W. Andrews, Rev. John Grammer, and Mr. Edmund Fountaine, were appointed a committee to consider the letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with reference to the society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, to the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, communicated to the Convention by the Bishop of this Diocese.

A petition was received from the citizens of New Martinsville, Wetzel county, for the formation of a new parish within the limits of said county, to be denominated Wetzel Parish, which was referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, May 23, 1851.

The Convention assembled at the hour appointed. Right Rev. John Johns in the Chair. Proceedings opened with prayer by the Assistant Bishop.

Rev. Mr. Irish and his delegate were, on motion, excused from further attendance on the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Jones, from the Committee to examine the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported, as duly elected, Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish, Albemarle county, who appeared and took his seat.

Rev. John Grammer in the Chair.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, in the providence of God, the Bishop of the Diocese has been deprived of his dwelling-house by fire, in January last: therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention duly sympathise with our venerable Diocesan in his recent loss, and believe that the wishes of the Diocese would be truly expressed by any measures of this body tending to a speedy restoration of his dwelling without pecuniary inconvenience to himself.

Resolved, In aid of the above object, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to remit to the Bishop the present surplus of the contingent fund.

Resolved, As further necessary to this object, and the most convenient and suitable mode of effecting the same, that the salary of the Bishop be raised from its present amount of \$1000 to \$2000 per annum.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. E. C. McGuire and Col. F. H. Smith be appointed a committee to communicate to the Bishop of the Diocese a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and to assure him of the spirit in which they were originated and carried through.

Ordered, that the Convention proceed to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, to the election of the Standing Committees of this Diocese.

Right Rev. Bishop Johns in the Chair.

A memorial of the Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute was laid before the Convention, and, on motion, was referred to the following committee, to consider and report on the same :

Rev. Ed. C. McGuire, D. D.,	Mr. P. Powers,
" J. Grammer,	" E. S. Pegram,
" Thos. Castleman,	Dr. Wm. Nelson.

The following resolutions were received, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church :

Whereas, it is the duty of the people especially to commemorate the goodness of God in the annual gift of the fruits of the earth: and *whereas*, the general concert of a whole people is much to be desired in any such public thanksgiving; and supposed constitutional restrictions have heretofore prevented the Executive authority of this Commonwealth from following the example set by the Governors of other States in setting apart a special day for this purpose, and the duty referred to has, in consequence, been greatly neglected: therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention do recommend to the Clergy and Parishes of this Diocese the observance of the First Thursday in November, being the day appointed in the rubric for this purpose, as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth.

On motion, the Convention then took a recess to attend divine service.

After service the Convention again assembled. Bishop Meade in the Chair.

Rev. Geo. McK. Calloway and Rev. Dr. Sparrow appeared and took their seats.

On motion, the report and resolutions of the committee appointed at the last Convention to inquire into the condition of the several funds belonging to the Church in this Diocese, (see Journal 1850, page 49,) previously laid on the table, was now taken up for consideration, and the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to advise their Treasurer to call in, as soon as it can conveniently be done, so much of the fund of that institution as is outstanding on personal security, and invest the proceeds in permanent stock.

Resolved, That all investments of the funds of the Theological Seminary, the Episcopal Fund, and the fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, shall be made, (where it has not already been so done,) in permanent public stocks, and in the name of an uniform but separate body of Trustees for each of the above named funds; and that each body shall consist of three persons, of whom the Treasurer of the fund for which they are respectively Trustees shall be one; that the certificate of each investment shall *invariably* run in the following form to wit: "to A B, &c. (the trustees,) the survivors or survivor of them, for the sole use and benefit of such survivor or survivors, as Trustees of" (the Theological Seminary, Episcopal Fund, or Widows' and Orphans' Fund, as the case may be.) That it shall be the duty of the survivors or survivor of each body of Trustees to fill without delay—with the approbation of the Bishop of the Diocese, subject to the sanction of the next Convention—any vacancy which may at any time occur in their or his respective bodies, and cause all the certificates of investment to be forthwith renewed conformably to the above directions.

Resolved, That Washington C. Page, Louis A. Cazenove, and Camius F. Lee, be the Trustees for holding the Episcopal Fund, of whom W. C. Page be the Treasurer; and the Wardens of Christ Church, Alexandria, are requested to transfer the stock belonging to that fund to the said Trustees, in conformity with the form prescribed in the foregoing resolution, as soon as convenience will permit.

The Rev. George Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Missionary Society, made the following report :

The Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct and sustained by the proper vouchers. They annex the report of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Chairman*.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report, that they have contributed to the support of the following missionaries: To the Rev. Wm. F. Lockwood, Fairfax; the Rev. L. P. Clover at the Armory Church, Richmond; the Rev. James McElroy, Buchanan; the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, Weston; the Rev. R. D. Brooke, Greenville; the Rev. Wm. McGuire, Westmoreland; the Rev. G. S. Carraway, Matthews and Middlesex; the Rev. Robert Nelson, of Lexington; the Rev. N. A. Okeson, of City Point; the Rev. E. P. Perkins, of Parkersburg; the Rev. Charles H. Shields, of Rappahannock; the Rev. H. T. Wilcoxon, of Smithfield; the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, jr., of Harper's Ferry; the Rev. F. B. Nash, of Kanawha; the Rev. John C. McCabe, of Hampton; the Rev. _____, of Brooke and Marshall counties; the Rev. Mr. Slack, of Albemarle; the Rev. David Caldwell, of Amherst; and the Rev. A. B. Tizard, of Chesterfield.

The number of missionaries to whose support they have contributed, is *nineteen*. They have paid towards their support, \$2,254 17. They have received during the same period, \$2,263 85. They have now on hand, \$114 49. This includes the amount of \$104 81, received since the Treasurer's accounts were made up, from the estate of the late William Williams, and reported last year as due.

It will be seen by the foregoing statement, that this Society calls for the zealous and immediate assistance of all those who desire the existence of our Church throughout the State. The committee need at once several hundred dollars to pay the salaries pledged to their missionaries, whose quarterly instalments are now due.

Several stations of great promise are now vacant. The missionary stations at Richmond, Buchanan, Lexington, City Point, and Amherst, are calling for missionaries; and, surely, we need to pray earnestly that the Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest.

To contribute to each station, and at the same time, to discharge their duty to the Diocese, the committee have been obliged to pass rules reducing, annually, the amount contributed to each missionary station. This rule they will endeavor rigidly to adhere to, while, at the same time, they will also contribute generously as far as their means will allow them, and as circumstances require. Their object is to make the churches which they assist self-supporting as soon as possible, so that the aid of the Society may extend to others of the Diocese. The necessity of this rule requires no argument.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report:

The Committee on the Division of New Parishes have had before them a petition from a number of the citizens of New Martinsville, Wetzel county, Virginia, setting forth that they have united in the formation of a new parish, to be known as Wetzel Parish, and bounded by the limits of Wetzel county, and praying to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and to be invested with the rights and privileges of other parishes. The committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

R. H. WILMER,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion—

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Vestry of each Parish in this Diocese report annually to the Convention, through its Secretary or Lay Delegates, the deficiency, if any, in the amount promised to be paid as salary to the ministers thereof.*

The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, May 24, 1851.

The Convention assembled at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer. Bishop Meade in the Chair.

The Rev. J. P. McGuire, from the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Society, made the following report :

The Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, in account with JOHN L. BACON, treasurer of the fund.

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April 25.	By cash for dividends on one share of stock of the Bank of Virginia, for January and July 1, 1850, and January, 1851	\$7 87
	By cash for dividends, same time, on twenty one shares of the Farmers' Bank of Virginia.....	241 50
	By cash for dividends, same time, on seventy-four shares of the Exchange Bank of Virginia.....	925 00
		<hr/> \$1,174 37

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DEBIT.

April 25.	To cash paid John Stewart, esq., Treasurer.....	\$1,174 37
	RICHMOND, May 17, 1851.	JOHN L. BACON, Treasurer.

The Rev. C. B. Dana, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following report :

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Church Wardens of Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria, the following statement in reference to the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to submit to the Convention as their report.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund report, that, since the last Convention, they have purchased with the cash then on hand, dividends since received on bank stocks, and seven dollars advanced by the Trustees, ten shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock.

CHARGES.

To cash paid for five shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$105 per share.....	\$525 00
To cash paid for four shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$108 per share.....	432 00
To cash paid for one share of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$106 per share.....	106 00
	<hr/> \$1,063 00

* This resolution was introduced and supported by the Laity.

CREDITS.

Cash on deposits in Branch Farmers' Bank of Virginia, Alexandria.....	\$28 50	
Dividends received on Exchange Bank of Virginia stock....	540 00	
Do. do. Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock.....	317 50	
Do. do. Bank of the Valley stock.....	80 00	
Do. do. Bank of Alexandria stock.....	90 00	\$1,056 00
Due the Trustees.....		\$7 00
The Bishop's Fund now consists of—		
60 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, par value..		\$6,000 00
39 do Farmers's Bank of Virginia stock, par value..		3,900 00
10 do. Bank of the Valley of Virginia stock, par value.		1,000 00
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		\$10,900 00
Amount of the fund last year.....		9,997 25
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Increase.....		\$902 75
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WASHINGTON C. PAGE, } *Trustees Bishop's*
 LOUIS A. CAZENOVE, } *Fund of Virginia.*

ALEXANDRIA, May 10, 1851.

Par value of Bishop's Fund.....	\$10,900 00
Present market price would produce.....	11,800 00

On motion, the Lay Delegate from St. John's Church, Portsmouth, was excused from further attendance on the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded with the order for the day, the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

The following gentlemen were duly elected:

Rev. William Sparrow, D. D.,	Dr. Orlando Fairfax,
" Charles B. Dana,	John Hoff, Esq.,
" James T. Johnson,	Cassius F. Lee, Esq.

Mr. Thomas H. Dewitt, Lay Delegate from St. James' Church, Henrico, presented his certificate, and took his seat.

On motion—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the tenure of office of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School, and report such changes as may be necessary in the same.

The following gentlemen were appointed said committee:

• Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.,	Rev. Horace Stringfellow,
Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,	Colonel F. H. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, in behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School, made the following report:

REPORT

Of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Va. and of the High School.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the High School, respectfully report, that these important institutions of the Church are in a high degree flourishing. They continue to enjoy the favor and protection of Him for whose honor they were established, and to whose glory they are, and, we trust, ever will be consecrated.

The number of students at the Theological Seminary is thirty-two, and, considering the number of theological students at other Seminaries, it surely calls for devout thankfulness that it is so large. We have adverted in our late reports to the lamentable want of candidates for the ministry throughout our country, and to the necessity of urgent prayer that the Lord would send forth laborers into His harvest. The last two classes are much larger in number than any that have entered for some time past; and though we feel encouraged by the present number at the Seminary, yet it is so incommensurate to our wants, and so much smaller than we might reasonably anticipate, that we still feel the great importance of urging upon the people of God throughout our Diocese the necessity of fervent, persevering prayer for this object.

The spirit now pervading the Seminary is highly gratifying to the friends of the Church, and indicative of great usefulness and efficiency. There is, we believe, an humbler devotedness, leading them to inquire: Lord what wilt Thou have me to do? As an evidence of this, three of the Alumni will, in the course of the year, take their departure as missionaries for China; and it is understood that several of the present students will be ready to go whenever the Church shall call for them.

Our Theological Seminary is steadily advancing in the confidence and esteem of the Church throughout our country. As an evidence of this, we have lately received from a distant Diocese a legacy of \$1,000. To this, also, we might add valuable contributions of theological and literary works to our library. And students from other Dioceses are coming to our Seminary to receive the advantages of that religious and intellectual education which is there imparted by our able professors, and by association and sympathy with other students. The number of candidates from our own Diocese now at the Seminary is very small, so that, in point of fact, our Seminary, though local in name, is general in its influence and usefulness. We are very much gratified, however, in being able to state that the prospect of a large number of candidates from Virginia for the ensuing year is highly favorable.

The library now amounts to more than 5,000 volumes.

The permanent fund is now about \$80,000, yielding an annual income of at least six per cent. The fund has received an increase of \$7,278 during the past year. Of this amount, \$1,000 is a special legacy for the use of the library, from the late Charles D. Betts, a member of St. Mark's Church, in the city of New York, through the Rev. Dr. Anthon, to whose wisdom and judgment that gentleman confided the direction of many charities.

The reports of the Professors of the Theological Seminary, and of the Rector of the High School, herewith appended, will exhibit the state of their respective departments.

The report of the Rector of the High School shows that that institution is highly prosperous, and the growing experience of its valuable Rector will render it all that the friends of sound literature and true piety could desire. We are gratified in being able to state that the number of applicants for admission is far more than can be accommodated, and also, that not a single case requiring severe discipline has occurred during the year,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Report of the Professor of Systematic Divinity and the Evidences of Christianity.

The studies in the Junior, Middle, and Senior Classes, in this department, have been as usual, except that the *extra* course in Philosophy has not been attended to, for want of time. The amount of Theological study performed by the members of the Seminary, with me, has, perhaps, been more than usual. The punctuality in attendance on daily duties has been highly satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. SPARROW.

Report of the Professor of Church History and Church Polity.

To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia :

The usual duties of the term have been attended to without change, except that the annual course has been completed earlier than by the ordinary rule. This has arisen from the division of time and duties between Rev. Dr. Sparrow and myself, growing out of his absence as delegate to the General Convention early in the session. Both the Senior and the Middle classes are now ready for review. The diligence and punctuality of the students has been quite exemplary.

Respectfully submitted,

Theological Seminary, May 13, 1851.

JAMES MAY.

Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.

The subscriber thinks it unnecessary to give a detailed account of what has been done in his department during the past session, as it would not vary in any respect from preceding reports. He would only say, that the classes under his instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study, and with the usual success.

As Librarian, he would report that there have been added to the Library seventy-seven volumes of the Paris edition of the Fathers, and that the whole series of two hundred volumes has been subscribed for. There have also been received, through the Rev. Dr. Anthon, about one hundred volumes, among which is a complete set of the Bampton Lectures in seventy volumes, bound in calf. The periodicals and pamphlets belonging to the Library are now in the binder's hands.

As the Library becomes more valuable, a new building for its accommodation becomes more necessary, the present apartment being altogether insufficient. He would suggest that the Trustees take into consideration the propriety of new accommodations for the Library, and also take some steps towards publishing a catalogue of the books.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. PACKARD.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia :

The Rector of the High School respectfully begs leave to present his sixth annual report.

The seventh session closed on the 10th July, with the usual exercises, and the eighth commenced on the 12th September, 1850. No changes have been made in the order, arrangements, or course of study, as set forth in the published prospectus of the School. Instruction is given by the Rector, assisted by five gentlemen, one of whom is a clergyman of the church, and the others communicants. The domestic affairs of the school are under the management of two ladies of experience and skill in their respective departments.

The present number of students connected with the school is eighty-one. There are three others, (one of whom is looking forward to the ministry,) who are permitted to receive daily instruction in the classes of the school. The applicants have been far more numerous than during any previous session. More than twenty applicants were declined, for want of room and permission to receive them. Had it been deemed expedient, and had the accommodations been sufficient, the number would have reached, if not surpassed, one hundred. The prospect continues encouraging for the future. The religious condition of the school continues wholesome. The students are very devout and attentive at all services, &c.; and the *voluntary* religious exercises are uniformly attended by all the students, with not more than two or three exceptions. No occasion has arisen for a single case of expulsion, dismission, or other unpleasant discipline, during the whole session.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector.*

HOWARD, May 19, 1851.

Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the Memorial of the Trustees of the Staunton Female Institute, made the following report, which, after considerable discussion, was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Virginia Female Institute, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

1. That the maximum amount to be provided for by the Convention, if the proposition shall be accepted, has been fixed at the sum of \$7,000, as will appear by the written obligation of highly respectable and responsible citizens of Staunton, herewith submitted. That sum the committee do not hesitate to say is far below the actual cost or present value of the property.

2. That as to the proper legal assurances by which the property shall be held under the control of the Convention, several plans have been suggested. One is, that the stock now held by the trustees and individual stockholders shall be transferred in ownership to such persons as the Convention may indicate as enjoying its fullest confidence. Another is, that, disregarding the charter of incorporation, it shall be taken and held by the honorary trustees in all respects as the funds of the Church are held for other objects. Upon this subject the committee are not prepared to give any decided opinion. It is one not necessary to be decided until the money is to be paid, and one which will no doubt be decided upon the best legal advice. The Trustees, in their proposition, undertake to do whatever may be deemed necessary to give full effect to the transfer; and the committee do not doubt that they can and will, upon the payment of the money, do all that will be required for the full assurance of the Convention.

3. As to the financial arrangements necessary to raise the funds required, and the time within which they are to be raised, the committee have been assured that although the Convention can incur no legal obligation, yet, upon the assurance that the Diocese is engaged in the effort to buy the Institute, there will be no difficulty in securing any reasonable indulgence as to the time of payment. This, however, must and will be done by the Trustees themselves, as the proper and only parties legally competent to act. The mode of raising the necessary funds has been a subject of much consideration with the committee, and they have concluded to recommend, as the best which has been suggested, that an agent shall be appointed, with authority to raise within the Diocese the sum of \$7,000.

In conclusion, the committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishops are requested to appoint one or more agents to solicit from the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, subscriptions and contributions to the sum of \$7,000, to enable the Convention to purchase from the Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton the real estate and school buildings and other property they have offered to this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, when the following gentlemen were elected :

Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D., <i>ex officio</i> ,	Rev. Alexander Jones, D. D.,
“ John Johns, D. D., <i>ex officio</i> ,	“ George Woodbridge,
Rev. Adam Empie, D. D.,	John O. Steager, <i>Secretary</i> ,
John L. Bacon, <i>Treasurer</i> .	

The Rev. C. W. Andrews, from the Committee on the subject of the letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in reference to the celebration of the third jubilee of the society in England for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention are profoundly sensible of the debt of gratitude due from the church in this country to the venerable society in England for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.

Resolved, That we heartily respond to the suggestion of the Archbishop of Canterbury, that our branch of the church should unite in the joint celebration of the third Jubilee of this society.

Resolved, That this Convention do recommend that on the First Sunday after Trinity, (June 22d,) the church in this Diocese do unite with their brethren of the church of England in the celebration of this solemn Jubilee; that appropriate sermons be preached in all the parishes of this Diocese; and that the people be invited to bring their offerings in token of their devout gratitude for the rich blessings they have derived from their mother church in England, especially through the agency of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

Resolved, That in accordance with the Divine direction freely to give what we have freely received, the offerings on this occasion be appropriated to the mission in China, with a view to the erection of a building for the Female Seminary in Shanghai, for which Bishop Boone has so earnestly appealed to the sympathies and charities of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Hoff, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, made the following report :

The Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully report that they have given attention to the duty assigned them. They have examined one hundred and twelve reports, and have prepared a synopsis of the whole; all of which they recommend to be added to the Journal.

It is desirable that more accuracy and system should distinguish this portion of the labors of the Convention. Among other things which cannot be ascertained from the reports, and which it would be generally interesting to know, is the number of the colored communicants and of colored persons confirmed. At present they are so reported with the

white communicants, that it is hardly if at all possible to ascertain what the proportion is. The number of teachers and scholars in Sunday Schools is very seldom mentioned.

The only method in which these and other defects can be supplied, is by the diligent attention of the clergy to drawing up their reports in the form prefixed to the last Journal. In this way the onerous though humble labors of the committee would be very much lightened, and all those facts be brought together, from year to year, by which alone we can satisfactorily ascertain the progress of the church in very important particulars.

J. F. HOFF, *Chairman.*

[See Appendix A.]

On motion, it was ordered that the next Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, on the third Wednesday in May next.

The Committee appointed in reference to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School, presented the following report :

That, considering the difficulty of securing the attendance of the more distant members of the Church as Trustees, it is inexpedient at this time to make any radical change in the mode of their appointment, but recommend that the names of three of the present members of the board who have been unable heretofore to attend the regular meetings of the board, be superseded by three new appointments, and that the Convention annually refer to a special committee the duty of nominating the Trustees in future, and recommend the following Trustees:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., *President*,
 " John Johns, D. D., *Vice President*,

Rev. Edward C. McGuire, D. D.,

" John Grammer,

" John P. McGuire,

" Charles B. Dana,

" Alexander Jones, D. D.,

" George Adie,

Rev. George Woodbridge,

William Pollock, Esq.,

Pike Powers, Esq.,

Samuel W. Shelton, Esq.,

Edward S. Pegram, Esq.,

Dr. Thomas H. Claggett, Esq.,

Cassius F. Lee, Esq.

And on motion, the same gentlemen were elected the Board of Trustees of the High School.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

Rev. Dr. McGuire, from the Committee on the state of the Church, made the following report :

The Committee on the State of the Church in this Diocese, take pleasure in reporting its continued prosperity. There are some local exceptions indeed; but we are generally greeted by cheering signs of increase and expansion. In some of the western and south-western counties, there is a deficiency of ministerial labor that calls for regret and sympathy; a deficiency very sensibly felt by the people, and by no means to be ascribed to their indisposition or inability to sustain the church. The source of the evil is to be found in the want of ministers. It is believed that an ample field could be found in that region for a large increase of duly qualified laborers. The reflection suggests that

more heed be given to the Divine exhortation, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

The usual increase of church edifices has distinguished the history of the past year. Some of these have been of a higher and some of a lower grade of architectural extent and beauty, but all greatly contributing to the convenience and prospects of the church in their respective localities.

The growth of the church by additions to her communion is altogether encouraging, being much in advance of the last year's increase. Especially has there been a larger proportion than usual of the colored population received into the church. The signs of increasing interest on the part of the clergy in regard to this once neglected class, forms a marked feature in the recent experience of the Diocese. May their labors more abound and be crowned with abundant success.

Your committee refer with peculiar pleasure to the clerical convocations which have been recently extending throughout the Diocese. In the activity which animates and the usefulness attending their efforts, we have in some respects a new development of the inner life and self-diffusive energy of the church. By stated meetings and frequent earnest preaching, an unusual interest has been awakened among the people—whilst the advantages have been multiplied in the opportunities of social intercourse and counsel, in arrangements for the supply of destitute and unreclaimed portions of our Zion, and in the circulation of religious tracts, books, &c. Nothing but good can arise from such godly associations, and that they may be multiplied and zealously fostered must be the prayer of every one wishing well and desiring the glory of Christ.

The subject of the annual thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, and all other benefits of God's merciful Providence, having been referred by the Convention to this committee, they would express their cordial agreement in the fitness and religious propriety of the observance; and having considered the question of a change of the day, they would respectfully express an opinion in behalf of the time appointed by the rubric, viz: the first Thursday in November. To adopt any other day by act of the Convention, would be in effect to annul the rubric, which exceeds any power belonging to this body. The annual observance of the First Thursday in November as a day of general Thanksgiving is then heartily recommended to the churches of this Diocese, and the Bishop is respectfully requested to remind us annually of this obligation as the time approaches. The reflection would be a melancholy if not alarming one, that whilst the great majority if not the whole of our sister States are annually vocal throughout their borders with the praises of God, no grateful notes should be heard throughout the length or breadth of this our beloved Commonwealth. The church has it in her power to redeem the State in some degree from this foul blot. Songs of praise and the voice of thanksgiving ascending from her pumerous churches, would enter with acceptance into the ears of the Lord God of Sabaoth, and peradventure take away from us that aspect and character of ungodliness which ever brings down the withering curse of God upon nations as upon individuals.

Mr. Pegram, from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

The Finance Committee report, that the contributions to the Centingent Fund, received by the Treasurer, *pro tem.*, amount to \$4,856 73, as shown by statement B.

The account of the Treasurer, William H. Hubbard, Esq., showing a balance in his hands of six hundred and seventy-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents, is sustained by

proper vouchers, with the exception of two items, one dated October 29th, 1850, for forty-two dollars paid to the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, and the other dated October 31st, 1850, for seventy dollars paid to Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade. The committee presumes that the above stated balance is correct, supposing that the two vouchers alluded to have been mislaid.

The parishes in arrears, and the sums for which they are delinquent, will be seen by document marked C; the aggregate of which is seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-two cents, (\$768 32,) for the years 1850 and 1851.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD S. PEGRAM, *Chairman.*

[See Appendix B and C.]

The following resolutions were considered and passed :

Resolved, That should the arrangements contemplated in reference to the purchase of certain property belonging to the Virginia Female Institute, be carried into effect; that a Female Institute be organized in connexion with this Diocese, to be located at Staunton, Virginia, and to be styled "*The Female Institute of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia.*"

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. William Meade, Rt. Rev. John Johns, Rev. Thomas Castleman, Dr. F. Stribling, W. W. Donaghe, Pike Powers, N. C. Kenney, Col. F. H. Smith, and F. J. Michie, be appointed Trustees to govern said Institute, and that the Board of Trustees be elected annually by the Convention.

Resolved, That the collections made for the purchase of the property of the Virginia Female Institute this day authorized by the Convention, be paid over as speedily as possible to Col. G. M. Carrington, of the city of Richmond, Virginia, who is hereby appointed treasurer of the fund.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees above named be appointed a committee to receive from the Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute a proper conveyance or transfer of the property of said Institute; and upon the said committee certifying to the Treasurer that such conveyance or transfer has been executed, that he be authorized to pay over to the said Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute, or to their order, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Staunton for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the door-keeper of this Convention twelve dollars, and also the expenses of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Rector of this parish be requested to present the thanks of this Convention to the ministers of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, for the use of their houses of worship.

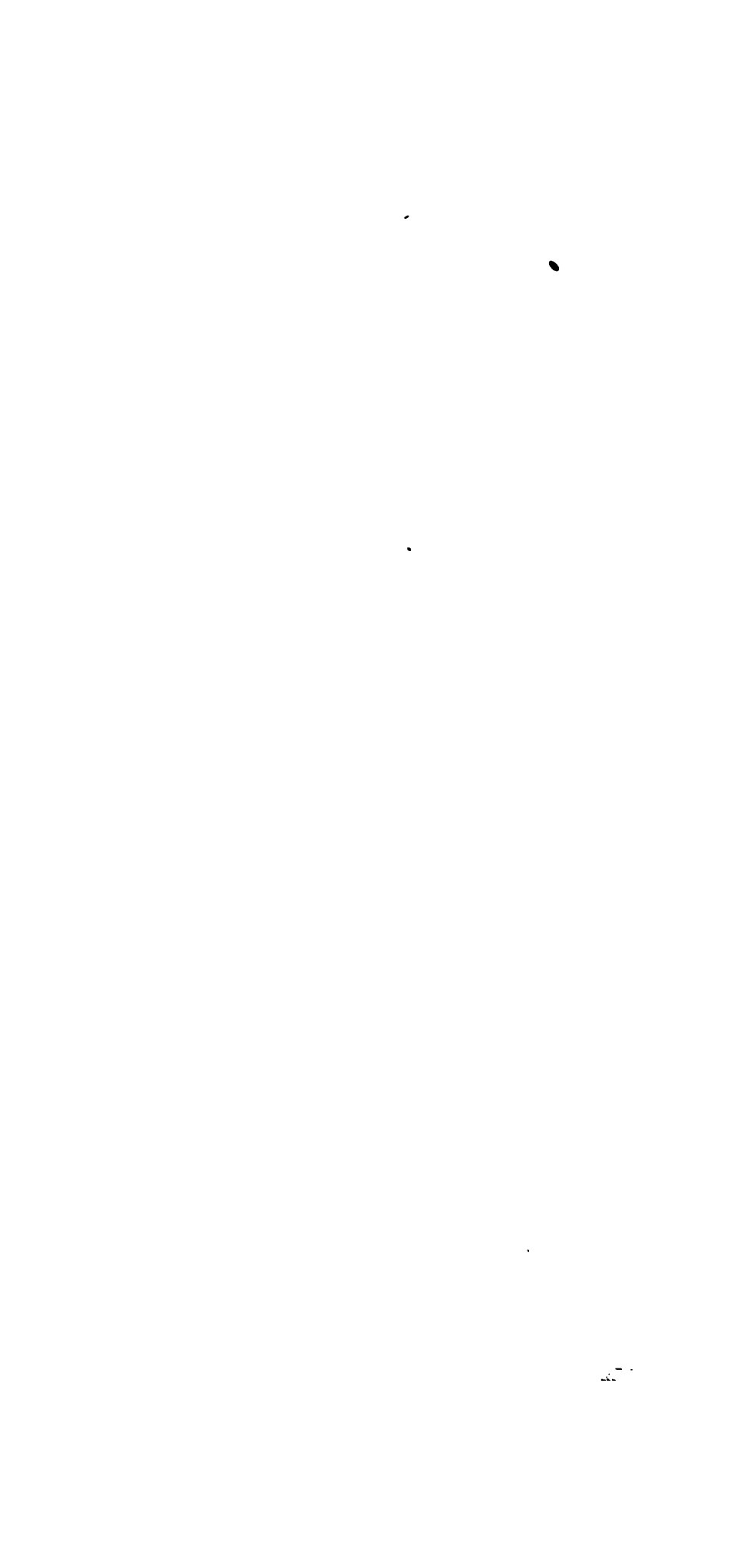
Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of the Journal for distribution among the parishes.

There being no further business before the Convention, the minutes were read, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned to meet in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Richmond, on the third Wednesday in May, 1852.

WILLIAM MEADE,

President of the Convention.

CASSIUS F. LEE, *Secretary.*



APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ACCOMAC COUNTY.

St. George's Parish, St. George's and St. Michael's Churches.

REV. J. AMBLER WREED, Rector.

Communicants—added 1; removed 1; total 8. Baptised—infants 1. Confirmed 1. (3 others confirmed at same place and time, belonging to adjacent parishes.)

ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Charlottesville.

REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 74. Baptisms—infants, white, 10. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Amount collected for charitable purposes, \$1,053 41. Charlottesville Post Office.

Buck Mountain and St. Paul's Churches, Frederickville Parish.

REV. SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 13; removed, 1; died, 3; total, 40. Baptisms—infants, white, 9. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Number of families, 46. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$41 56; for the Virginia Bible Society, \$62; total, \$103 56. Mechum's River Post Office, Albemarle county.

Walker's Church.

REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 14. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 10. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$75. Cobham Depot Post Office, Albemarle county.

Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish.

REV. C. E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; total, 25. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 1. Number of families, 12. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$115 80. Porter's Precinct Post Office, Albemarle county.

ALEXANDRIA.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

REV. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, 12; removed, 8; died, 5; total, 125—eight of whom are colored persons. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 19, colored, 1; total, 21. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 11. Number of families, about 80. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, about \$900.

St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.

REV. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 19, (from other cures, 7;) removed, 12; died, 2; withdrawn, 2; total, 144. Baptisms—infants, white, 25. Confirmations, 10. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 13. Sunday School—1 superintendent, 28 teachers, 204 scholars. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$1,338 35.

AMHERST COUNTY.

Elk Union and Buffalo Springs.

REV. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Rector.

Owing to the distance of these places of worship, the minister has not been able to perform divine service at either during the past year. He has, however, officiated at the Poor House and at a place called Sardia. The congregations at the latter place have been large and attentive. He hopes and believes that his labors have not been in vain at either place. As soon as circumstances will permit, he intends to renew his appointments at Elk Union and Buffalo Springs. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 8.

Lexington Parish, St. Luke's, New Glasgow, and Ascension Churches.

REV. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; total, 35. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$75. Temperance Post Office, Amherst county.

AMELIA COUNTY.

Raleigh Parish, Amelia County, and Genito Parish, Powhatan County.

REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; total, 45. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants; white, 4, colored, 9; total, 14. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 9, (white 3, colored 6.) Number of families 27, adults 103, infants 53. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$198. Amelia Court House, Post Office.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Staunton.

REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; removed, 3; died, 5; total, 96. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 9; total, 10. Confirmations, 13. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 10. Number of families 58, adults 245, infants 145. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$236.

Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.

REV. R. H. PHILLIPS respectfully reports to the Bishops, that during the past year he has been regularly engaged as Principal of the above named Institute. He has occasionally officiated in Boyden Chapel, Augusta county; Trinity Church, Staunton; and in the Chapel of this Institute, in which daily services are held. Number of teachers, 7. Number of pupils, 91. Communicants, 13; added, 5; total, 18. Baptisms—adult, 1. Confirmations, 5. The Convention, at its present session, having purchased this Institution, connecting it thereby with the Diocese, it is believed that it will prove a most valuable means of promoting Christian education in the Diocese.

Virginia Female Institute, Staunton, May 24, 1851.

Boyden Chapel.

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

STAUNTON, May 24, 1851.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: Since my coming into this Diocese, August, 1851, I have been engaged in performing the duties of Vice Principal of the Virginia Female Institute. I have likewise regularly held divine service every two weeks at Boyden Chapel. Baptisms, 3 children, white. Marriages, 1—colored. Funerals, 2—1 white, 1 colored.

Yours, respectfully,

J. C. WHEAT.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church.

REV. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 70. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 8; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4. Number of families 40, adults 80, infants 125. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$155. Norwood Post Office, Bedford county.

Heber Parish, St. John's Church, Liberty.

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; total, 38. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Confirmations, 2. Contributed to benevolent objects, about \$20. The congregation has recently purchased a bell costing about \$200. This church has been vacant during the greater portion of the last conventional year. My connection with it has been only of about three months duration; and while there are inducements for faithful and diligent labor, the congregation has not been without its discouragements from causes beyond its control.

Russell Parish, Trinity Church.

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 from another cure; total, 29. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Sunday School, 3 male and 2 female teachers, and about 40 scholars. Amount for benevolent objects, \$6 05.

West Russell Parish, St. Thomas's Church.

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6—one from another cure; total 19. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3.

I continue to preach once a month at St. Luke's Church, one of the congregations of Lexington Parish, Amherst county, in which there has been but little change during the last year. Communicants—added, 1 from another cure; total, 30.

NOTE.—My Post Office will hereafter be Big Island, Bedford county, instead of Davis's Store, as heretofore. N. SALE.

BERKELEY COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Communicants—added, 13; removed, 4; total, 39. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, white, 6, colored, 2; total, 9. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 6. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church, \$84.

This report as well as that from Norborne Parish includes the official acts of my esteemed predecessor, Rev. James Chisholm. Nor only so; but he labored for some eight years diligently and faithfully. I have only entered into his labors, and reaped what he had sown. May both of us rejoice together.

Norborne Parish, Mount Zion Church.

REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 3; withdrawn, 3; died, 2; total, 66. Baptisms—infants, white, 14, colored, 4; total, 18. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the church, \$68 60.

Christ Church, Norborne Parish, and Lee Town and Middleway, Jefferson County.

REV. C. McK. CALLAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 35; removed, 1; total, 34. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church, \$38. Middleway Post Office, Jefferson county.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Botetourt Parish, Botetourt and Roanoke Counties.

REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7—5 from other parishes; removed, 2; died, 2; white, 50; colored, 1; total, 51. Confirmations, 8. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4. Amount contributed to church institutions, \$96 50.

Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Buchanan.

REV. JAMES McELROY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 25. Baptisms—infants, white, 3, colored, 1; total, 4. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Number of families 18, adults 42, infants 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$84 24. Pattonsburg Post Office, Botetourt county.

BROOKE COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg.

REV. WILLIAM LITTLETON HYLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Communicants last reported, 14; added, 3; removed, 3; present number, 14. Amount of collections for benevolent purposes, \$8 97.

St. John's Parish.

REV. W. L. HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants reported by Rev. J. L. Harrison in 1844, 35; added prior to October, 1850, as far as can be ascertained, 12; added within the conventional year, 7; died, removed, and withdrawn, 13; present number, 41. Baptisms, since 1844—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 15; total, 19. Marriages since 1844, 5. Funerals since 1844, 10. Confirmations in October, 1850, 7. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, \$7 22½.

The neat and substantial church edifice, recently erected in this Parish, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God at the last visitation of Bishop Johns.

It may be proper to remark, that the undersigned took charge of this Parish, by request of the Convocation of Northwestern Virginia, and the vestry of the Parish, until the services of a Rector can be secured for the same, together with the Parish of Christ Church, Wellsburg. He earnestly hopes that such an arrangement may soon be made, as he feels confident that in no other way can the cause of Christ and His Church be so speedily and thoroughly promoted.

Cherry Hill P. O., May 22, 1851.

WM. LITTLETON HYLAND.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. R. P. JOHNSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1; withdrawn, 3, colored; total, 61—40 white, 21 colored. Baptisms—infants, white, 5, colored, 2; total, 7. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 37. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$151 06¼. Sturgeonville Post Office, Brunswick county.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Tillotson's Parish, St. Peter's Church.

REV. WM. C. MERRITT, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; total 34. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 5. Number of families 17, adults 46, infants 32. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$50. Cardsville Post Office, Buckingham county.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

St. Margaret's Church.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants, 31. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Number of families 11; adults, from 40 to 50; infants, 25 to 30. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$20. This church has been handsomely repaired at an expense which is creditable to the liberality of the congregation.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Caroline County, and St. John's Church, King George County.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; total, 40. Baptisms—infants, white, 9; total, 9. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$150. Port Royal Post Office, Caroline county.

Grace Church.

REV. A. SHIRAS, Rector.

Families in the congregation, 12. Communicants last year, 19. Added by removal from other cures, 3; total, 22. 1 infant baptised; 1 adult buried; 1 marriage performed. Contributions to benevolent objects, \$40. This report embraces only the time since October 1, 1850, when the present Rector took charge of this small, but interesting congregation.

RAFFAHANNOCK ACADEMY,

Caroline County, May 16, 1851.

MY DEAR BISHOP: I would respectfully report, that since my transfer to your Diocese in October last, my time and efforts have been almost wholly given to this old and well known institution, in the hope of making it, in religious character, as in other respects, worthy of the confidence of parents throughout the State. In addition to my duties as instructor, and my conducting of the daily worship of the school, the evenings of the Sabbath have been regularly devoted to a Bible Class, composed of the students of the institution. On every second Sunday morning, also, service has been held and a sermon preached at the academy; the alternate Sunday morning being given to a similar service at Grace Church, Caroline county, ten miles distant. Although in all such services, much seed is necessarily scattered "by the way side," "amongst thorns," or "on a rock," it is humbly hoped that some has found a lodgment "in good ground," to spring up and bear fruit unto life eternal.

Very respectfully,

A. SHIRAS.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

Westover Parish.

REV. WM. THOMAS LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 32. Baptisms, adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; colored, 5; total, 10. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families 26; adults, about 70; infants, about 68. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, about \$150.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, and Manikintown Church, King William Parish, Powhatan County.

REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white, 16, colored, 1. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Number of families 21, adults 37, infants 33. Amount of collections for the different institutions of the church, \$40.

Owing to the inconvenient location of Sapona Church, as well as its uncomfortable condition, the Vestry deemed it advisable to erect a new church, more central to the congregation, more accessible, and better calculated, from its position and construction, to attract those who have hitherto been deprived of its services. It was finished and paid for in the month of June; neat, plain, and comfortable; painted within and without; capable of seating 170 persons, with a gallery set apart exclusively for servants. This church was constructed at a cost not exceeding \$800. The fond hope is cherished that many may be added to it of such as shall be saved. The Rector officiates alternate Sundays in the morning at each of the parish churches; and in the afternoon, at the coal pits within the limits of his parish, where his services are well attended by the laborers, a large part of whom are servants. Winter Rock Post Office, Chesterfield county.

CLARKE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Millwood.

Rev. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 6; died, 1; total, 61. Baptisms—infants, white, 9. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 2. Number of families 40.

Wickliffe Parish.

Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 2; died, 2; total, including 3 colored persons, 95. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 18; colored, 1; total, 20. Marriages, 10. Funerals, 13. Number of families 60, adults, 150, infants, about 160. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$380. Berryville Post Office, Clarke county.

The Rector believes that he has reason to report this parish to be in an encouraging condition. By the aid of the Rev. William D. Hanson, Grace Church, Berryville, is now opened for divine service on every Sunday, morning and evening. Wickliffe Church, six miles distant, and the missionary station at Kable Town, Jefferson county, about eleven miles distant, are regularly supplied on alternate Sundays, while the colored people have Mr. Hanson's services, in some part of the parish, on every Sunday afternoon.

CULPEPPER COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church.

Rev. JOHN COLL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 12; total, 80. Baptisms—adults, white, 1. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Amount collected for various institutions of the church, \$45 41.

Since the last Convention a portion of St. Stephen's congregation has been organized into a kind of chapel congregation, having erected a neat and convenient church of their own, about ten miles from St. Stephen's. We hope that this is the beginning of good things among many who have long desired the services of our church.

St. James's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

REV. JOHN COLL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 30. Baptisms—adults, white, 1. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$69 52. Post Office, Culpepper Court House.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. JOHN COLL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; total, 12. Baptisms—adults, white, 1. Confirmations, 3. Amount collected for the various institutions of the church, \$38.

Since the last Diocesan Convention, a new church by the name of St. Paul's, in the neighborhood of Raccoonford, and about ten miles from the Court House, has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God. This most interesting service was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Johns, on the 21st of July, 1850, in the presence of a large and attentive audience, the Bishop himself preaching the consecration sermon. Much credit is due to the zeal and energy of the few members of our church and others, who have thus erected a neat and comfortable place of worship for the neighborhood in which the church is located. The building is of a new kind, being constructed of *lime*, which it is thought will not only be durable, but always comfortable. The whole cost of the structure, and all things pertaining thereto, was about \$1,000, all of which has been paid, and much the larger part of it by the few zealous individuals to whose energy we are indebted for its erection. It is hoped that, by the Divine blessing, many souls will be converted to God, and that the community will always have reason to bless God for the grace, and mercy, and truth, that shall constantly flow forth from this sanctuary of His presence.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Grace and St. James Churches, Littleton Parish.

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Marriages 2. Funerals, 5. Number of families 15, adults 42, infants 33. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$162. Langhorn's Tavern Post Office, Cumberland county.

One of our number has gone to his reward, leaving us the example of a man who walked with God; others, who were zealous in every good work, have removed to other Parishes, and those who remain are waking up, under these visitations, to greater devotion in their master's cause, which is seen in the interest taken in the Sunday School and other things connected with the Parish, especially their Rector's comfort.

DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, Sapony and Calvary Churches.

REV. W. E. WEBB, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 5; died, 2; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Funerals, 16—white 9, colored 7. Marriages, 4. Number of families 24.

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

Centurion Church, Old Point.

REV. MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 1; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, white, 11. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 6. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$231 38. The Sunday School is in successful operation. Post Office, Old Point, Va.

The Sunday night service for the colored residents, is well attended; and we believe is accompanied by God's blessing, from the attention manifested by this interesting part of my charge.

St. John's Church, Hampton.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants, 41. Baptisms—infants, 4. Funerals, 1. Number of families 24, adults 57, infants 35. Amount collected for contingent fund, \$41. Amount collected for improvements of church, \$300. Hampton Post Office, Elizabeth City county, Va.

This church had been without a Rector for nearly years when I took charge of it the first of the present year. Its prospects, I trust, are encouraging.

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Anne's and South Farnham Parishes.

REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

St. Anne's Parish.—Communicants—added, 6; removed, 1; died, 2; whites, 25, colored, 2; total, 27. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4.

South Farnham Parish.—Communicants—white, 38. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, white, 3; colored, 4; total 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 5. Amount collected in both parishes for the different institutions of the church, about \$200. Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

The Rev. H. W. L. Temple, continues his very useful labors as assistant minister of South Farnham Parish. Sunday Schools and Bible Class are still in operation. And we are not without evidence that the blessing of our covenant God rests upon the efforts made for the conversion of sinners and the building up of His church.

FAIRFAX COUNTY.

Zion Church, Truro Parish.

REV. WM. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; removed, 2; total, 20. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Baptisms—adults, 3; infants, white, 2. Confirmations, 4.

Falls' Church, Fairfax Parish.

REV. WILLIAM F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; total, 11. Confirmations, 2. Baptisms—adults 1; infants, white, 3. Marriages, 3.

The Rector preaches twice a month in Centreville, Virginia. In this church, in October, I baptised one adult and six infants. One person was confirmed by Bishop Johns

in July. The prospect for building up the church in Centreville is very encouraging. The Professors at the Seminary preach for me once a month at Falls' Church, to enable me to give the people of Centreville one morning service a month.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Warrenton, Hamilton Parish.

REV. G. H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; 2 by removal; removed, 1; died, 2; total, 47. Baptisms—infants, white, 17. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 8. Number of families 30. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, \$175. A new house of worship is under contract to be erected this season. Warrenton Post Office, Fauquier Co.

St. Stephen's Church.

REV. G. H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; total, 9. Confirmations, 4.

Leeds Parish.

REV. WM. HENRY PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; total, 30. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families 10. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$275. Leeds Manor Post Office, Fauquier county.

Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish.

REV. CLEVELAND KEITH, Rector.

Communicants—added by removal, 1; present number, 29. Baptisms—infants, white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Marriages, 2. Collections for benevolent objects, \$119 73. Post Office, Salem, Fauquier county.

FLUVANNA COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish.

REV. LEWIS P. CLOVER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; died, 1; white, 24; colored, 2; total, 26. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 6; total, 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Number of families about 29. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$39 52; in addition to which, \$319 26 has been contributed for the purchase of church furniture, etc. The present Rector took charge the 1st of October last, from which time his report dates.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Winchester.

REV. CORNELIUS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 22; removed, 12; total, 102. Baptisms—infants, white, 13, colored, 1; total, 14. Confirmations, 17. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 3. Number of families 62. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$596. Winchester Post Office, Frederick county.

St. Thomas's Church, Middletown.

REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 16. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 13, colored, 5; total, 19. Confirmations, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families 9, adults 33, infants 9. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, including the sum appropriated for the Rectory, \$256 34. Middletown Post Office, Frederick county.

FREDERICKSBURG.

St. George's Church.

REV. EDWARD C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 13; removed, 8; died, 2; total, 163. Baptisms—infants, white, 10. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 14. Number of families 112, adults 340, infants 220. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$600. Bible Class and Sunday Schools in a prosperous condition. Post Office, Fredericksburg.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

REV. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 1; total, 50. Baptisms—adults, 1, white; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Number of families 40, adults 140, infants 90. Amount collected about \$500.

During the year considerable additions and improvements have been made to the Rectory, adding greatly to the comfort and convenience of the Rector's family. There is nothing in the state of these Parishes to produce despondency, though nothing to report of any particular interest.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

St. James, Northam Parish.

REV. FRANCIS W. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 39. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2; total, 3. Marriages, 2. Number of families 38, adults 110, infants 69. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$135. Pemberton Post Office, Goochland county.

GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

Meherrin Parish.

P. G. ROBERT, Deacon.

Communicants 17, white; 7 black. Baptisms—infants, 3, black. Burials, 3, white; 3 black. Contributions to the various institutions of the church, \$74 85. Post Office, Richford, Greenville county.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Antrim Parish.

REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants, white—died 3; withdrawn, 1; transferred to this parish, 1; added, 5; whole number, 70; colored—added, 4; whole number, 21; total number of communicants, 91. Baptisms—infants, white, 10; adults, colored, 4; total, 14. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 40. Amount collected by me for different institutions connected with the church, as follows:

For Foreign Missions.....	\$103 00
Diocesan Missions.....	117 00
Theological Seminary.....	272 84
Education Society.....	161 92
Evangelical Knowledge.....	6 00

\$650 76

Also for the Virginia Bible Society, \$139 50; and for Virginia Colonization Society, \$187 50.....

227 00

Total..... \$937 76

Roanoke Parish.

REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; total, 17. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Number of families 11, adults 40, infants 20. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$500, or thereabouts. Mount Laurel Post Office, Halifax county.

HANOVER COUNTY.

St. Martin's Parish.

REV. WILLIAM V. BOWERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 2; total, 63. Baptisms—infants, white, 7. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 5. Number of families 41. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$164. Verdon Post Office, Hanover county.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, May 15, 1851.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Confirmations, 1. Communicants last reported, 13; added, 8; removed, 1; present number, 20. Funerals, 1. Sunday School—teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total, 8; scholars, male, 16; female, 20; total, 36.

This parish has been without regular services about ten months. Its last Rector, Rev. E. B. McGuire, having resigned July 29, 1850, Rev. Mr. Keppler has held service once, Mr. Bowers once, Rev. E. B. McGuire once, Mr. Greene once, Mr. Norwood twice. There is a prospect of further additions upon the now expected visit of Bishop Meade, and Rev. William Norwood has promised to preach once a month, while not otherwise engaged. Nearest Post Office, Old Church, Hanover.

G. W. BASSETT, *Register of the Vestry.*

HENRY COUNTY.

Patrick Parish.

REV. A. WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; suspended, 1; total, —. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals, 2. Martinsville Post Office, Henry county.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield.

REV. H. T. WILCOXON, Rector.

Communicants—white, 24, colored, 4; total, 28. Baptisms, by Rev. Mr. Disbrow—adults, 1, infants, 1; total, 2. Funerals, 1. Sunday School—scholars, 30, teachers, 8. Contributions to church purposes, \$28.

The Rector would remark, that this report embraces a period of four months, the time during which he has been in charge of the congregation of Christ Church.

JAMES CITY COUNTY.

Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.

REV. SILAS TOTTEN, late Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 8; died, 1; total, 75. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 6. Number of families 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$81 75. Williamsburg Post Office, James City county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. DUDLEY A. TYNE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 10; total, 11. Communicants—added, 6; present number, 92. Marriages, white, 5; colored, 3; total, 8. Funerals, white, 5; colored, 4; total, 9. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 4; female teachers, 8; total teachers, 12; scholars, male, 49; scholars, female, 38; total scholars, 87. Contributed to Foreign Missions, \$82 02; Domestic Missions, \$27; Education Society, \$7; Bible Society, \$3.

I took charge of this parish in July last. The congregation is yet worshipping in the Court House, and burdened with the expense of erecting a new church, which will be opened for service some time during the ensuing summer. The benevolent operations of the year are in the way of a quarterly subscription. The first quarter only has been fully paid in. Post Office, Charlestown.

St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., Rector.

Communicants—added, 18; total, 30. Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 6; total, 9. Marriages, 1. Deaths, 1. Number of families 34. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church, \$89.

The above report embraces only the acts of the present minister, who entered upon his duties in November last.

St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.

REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3; colored, 6; total, 9. Communicants—added, 1; died, 3; removed, 1; erased from the list for non-attendance, 4; present number, 52. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Sunday School—male teachers, 3; female teachers, 6; total

teachers, 9; male scholars, 16; female scholars, 30; total scholars, 46. Amount collected for benevolent objects not connected with the parish, about \$300.

Remark. Although the above report indicates no improvement in the parish for the past year, it has, in fact, (when compared with others,) been a year of most decided improvement, as the Rector trusts will appear in the next report.

KANAWHA COUNTY.

St. John's, Charleston, and St. Luke's, Salinas.

REV. R. T. BROWN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 7; died, 2; total, 40. Baptisms—infants, white, 14. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Kanawha C. H. Post Office, Kanawha county.

St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth.

REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 18. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families 14. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$50. Coalsmouth Post Office, Kanawha Co.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

REV. R. S. NASH, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 5; colored, 3; total, 8. The number of communicants last reported was 27. This was taken from the best information to be had at the time, but has been found incorrect; true number, 28. Died, 3; removed, 1; added by admission, 1; by transfer, 1; present number, 26. Funerals, white, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$36 59; private donation by an individual to Bishop Chase, \$50; contingent fund, \$26; total, \$112 59.

About \$1,000 have been subscribed in the parish and immediate vicinity, towards the erection of a church edifice now in progress of construction, and estimated to cost about \$1,200 or \$1,400.

LEWIS COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Weston.

S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; suspended, 1; total, 23. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 7; total, 9. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Number of families 12, adults 24, infants, 50. Weston Post Office, Lewis county.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Shafter's Parish.

REV. GEORGE ALEX. Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 7; died, 1; total, (white 78, colored 2,) 80. Baptisms—infants, white, 7, colored, 3, total, 10. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 5. Number of families 63. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$300. Post Office, Leesburg, Loudoun county.

Trinity and Emanuel, Meade Parish.

REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 8; died, 1; total, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families 18, adults 41, infants 37. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$170. • Middleburg Post Office, Loudoun county.

LOUISA COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. JOHN COOK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; total, 2. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$80. Aetna Post Office, Hanover county.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Cumberland Parish.

REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; present number, including 2 colored, 43. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Number of families 25. Amount collected for various institutions of the church, \$35 20.

LYNCHBURG.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10, chiefly from other Parishes; died, 1; removed, 9; expelled, 1; withdrawn, 1; total, 125, of whom 3 are colored. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, white, 21, colored, 2; total, 24. Marriages, 7, of which 1 was of colored persons. Funerals, 11. Contributions—communion alms, about \$200; foreign and domestic missions, \$124; education society, \$112; total, \$436.

The Rector has the pleasure of reporting that, during the last conventional year, a new church has been erected for the accommodation of his congregation. It is built on the site of the old edifice, in Gothic style, 84 feet long by 48 wide. The first service was held in it on Easter day. On the Monday following the pews were sold with the most gratifying result. The amount realized more than covered the cost of the building, which was a little less than \$12,000. The small balance still due for the purchase of additional ground, chandeliers, and other fixtures, is amply provided for by the excess from the annual revenue and the unsold pews. For this sum we have obtained a church, which for size, taste, comfort, and convenience, leaves scarcely a wish in these respects ungratified. A number of additional families have attached themselves to the congregation by renting or buying pews, thereby at once affording to the Rector a considerably increased and most interesting field of labor. For the happy issue of the enterprize in which his people have recently been engaged, as well as for the many other tokens of Divine favor which have marked the past year, the Rector desires thus to record his devout gratitude.

It is but due to the ladies of his congregation to state, that they have raised between eight and nine hundred dollars toward paying for the new organ with which the church is furnished. This will explain the somewhat diminished amount of their contribution to the Seminary.

MADISON COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants, 22. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 15. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$59 39.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 2; total, 5. Communicants—added 4; present number, 12. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, \$11 46. Grave Creek Post Office, Marshall county.

A subscription has been commenced for the purpose of erecting a house of worship in this Parish, and hopes are entertained that the building will be completed during the present season.

MATHEWS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTIES.

Christ Church, Middlesex County.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 8. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$91 72.

Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews County.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants, 6. Baptisms—infants, white, 1, colored, 5; total, 6. Marriages, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$29 34.

In order that the condition of these Parishes be truly presented, it is necessary to remark that within the last year the missionary has been enabled by the action of the vestries to yield up one-third of the annual sum furnished by the Diocesan Missionary Society. That assistance is now almost nominal, as the amount returned to this society and the other institutions of the church exceeds the amount received. In the Mathews Parish, there has been commenced a small church which it is thought will greatly aid the growth of our Zion. The erection of this building is rendered necessary by the remoteness of some of the congregation from the present place of worship.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

St. James's Parish.

REV. F. H. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—died, 3; removed, 5; present total, 52. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 13. Post Office, Boynton, Mecklenburg county.

St. Luke's Parish.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; total, 17; colored—added, 1; total, 3; Baptisms—infants, white, 5; colored, 5; total, 10. Confirmations, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Number of families 8.

EDWARD TARRY, Church Warden.

This parish is without a Rector at this time, the Rev. R. D. Brooke having resigned his charge in November last.

NANSEMOND COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, and St. John's Church, Chuckatuck.

REV. CHARLES H. DISBROW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 40. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 9; total, 11. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 9. Number of families 30. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$125.

This parish has recently sustained a severe loss in the death of Joseph Prentiss, Esq., late senior warden of St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, the personal friend of Bishop Madison, Bishop Moore, Bishop Meade, and Bishop Johns, a most exemplary christian, and universally beloved. Suffolk Post Office, Nansemond county.

NELSON COUNTY.

Nelson Parish.

REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants, 25. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$125. Tyeriver Warehouse Post Office, Nelson county.

NORFOLK.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 33; removed, 32; died, 3; total, 171. Baptisms—adults, white, 7; infants, white, 27; colored, 3; total, 37. Confirmations, 27. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 15. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$825. Sunday School—scholars, 145; teachers, 24. Post Office, Norfolk.

Christ Church.

REV. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 49; removed, 4; died, 7; total, (360 whites, 25 colored,) 385. Baptisms—adults, white, 6; colored, 4; infants, white, 26; total, 36. Confirmations, 40. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 28. Number of families 169. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$3,545 72. Norfolk Post Office.

City of Norfolk—City Mission.

REV. ROBERT M. MITCHESON, City Missionary.

During the past year I have been engaged discharging the duties of my office, as City Missionary, and in that capacity been enabled to pay upwards of nine hundred visits to those destitute of the comforts and consolations of the Gospel.

A weekly service has been regularly held at the Orphan Asylum and Almshouse; Bibles, prayer books, and tracts, distributed for the benefit of seamen and those visiting the city from the neighboring country, and assistance rendered the two rectors, by officiating for them sixty-four times. Though my time is exclusively occupied in the work of this mission, I feel utterly unable to do half that is required. Few stand in greater need of the pure precepts of the Gospel than the majority of the population inhabiting the surrounding counties; and in consideration of their lamentable spiritual destitution, and the obligations resting upon the professed followers of Jesus, we feel it imperative to pray earnestly to the "Lord of the Harvest, to send forth laborers into His harvest."

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Hungar's Parish.

REV. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; total, 48. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; colored, 6; total, 14. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the church: Missions, \$19 34; Virginia Bible Society, \$35; Education Society, \$27; Bishop's and Contingent Fund, \$48; total, \$129 34.

The present Rector took charge of this parish December 1, 1850. About \$1,400 have been subscribed for the rebuilding of Hungar's Church. It is hoped that this important work will be completed during the present year.

ORANGE COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 1; total, 64. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 4; total, 6. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 4. Number of families, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$199 67. Post Office, Orange Court House.

PETERSBURG.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, 10; removed, 4; died, 2; total, 193. Baptisms—infants, white, 18, colored, 3; total, 21. Confirmations, 9. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 10. Number of families 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$3,300. Post Office, Petersburg.

Grace Church.

REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 18; removed, 6; died, 3; withdrawn, 3; total, 107. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 30, colored, 1; total, 35. Confirmations, 17. Marriages, 44—18 colored persons. Funerals, 38. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$1,109 50, including \$850 for a new church building. Post Office, Petersburg, Dinwiddie county.

The new church will, in a few weeks, be ready for consecration; and the Rector would take this opportunity of returning his thanks, and those of his congregation, to those kind friends whose aid has enabled them to accomplish this important undertaking.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Camden Parish.

REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 5; died, 2; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families 25, adults 66, infants 45. Danville Post Office, Pittsylvania county.

PORTSMOUTH.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 5; died, 3; total, 52. Baptisms—infants, white, 8. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 11. Number of families 53, adults 140, infants 115. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$200. Portsmouth Post Office, Norfolk county.

St. John's Church.

REV. JAMES CRISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, 22; removed, 1; total, 37. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 4; total, 8. Confirmations, 12. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Number of families 35. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$25 44. A Sunday School has been organized, and is now in a flourishing condition, numbering 83 scholars, under the care of 17 teachers. Post Office, Portsmouth, Norfolk county.

POWHATAN COUNTY.

St. Luke's and Emanuel Churches, St. James's Southam Parish.

REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; died, 1; total, 32. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, 6; total, 7. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 5. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$220.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

Martin's Brandon Parish, Brandon and Merchants' Hope Churches.

REV. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 3; total, 58, including 2 colored persons. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4, colored, 18; total, 23. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 10. Number of families 60, adults 130, infants about 100. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$469 26½. Garysville Post Office, Prince George county.

The Rector would further state that two free schools are in existence in the Parish, supported entirely by the philanthropic liberality of some members of his congregations. Their contributions to these schools are not included in the above amount of collections. A new congregation is being raised in a destitute part of the county. The prospect is very encouraging. The congregations average from forty to fifty, and are increasing.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Haymarket, Leeds Parish.

REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 3; died, 1; total, 35. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, 1; total, 3. Marriages, 1.

St. James's Church, Brentsville. Deltingen Parish.

REV. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants added—whites, 5 : colored, 1. This was a criminal under sentence of death, which was afterwards executed. Removed, 1 : total, 23. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Brentsville Post Office. Prince William county.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

Lynnhaven Parish.

REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 : total, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount contributed to the Bishop's Fund, \$28. Norfolk Post Office.

PUTNAM COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3 : removed, 1 : died, 1 : total, 9. Funerals, 3.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. F. B. NASH, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2 : removed, 5 : died, 1 : total, 7.

Arrangements are made for erecting a church edifice during the coming summer. The prospects for the church in Putnam county are, it is thought, encouraging.

I officiate occasionally at Bruce's Chapel, and at Point Pleasant, Mason county. There are thirteen communicants connected with the church at these two points. The friends of the church at these places, in connection with those at Ravenswood, Jackson county, expect to obtain the services of a clergyman of their own, during the coming season. The prospects for the church in Mason county appear to me to be much more encouraging at this time than they have been heretofore. At Gyandotte, Cabel county, where I have now monthly appointments, quite a cheering interest in the effort to establish the church there is manifested. There are nine communicants belonging to the church there.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish.

REV. C. H. SHIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 : total, 4. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Number of families 7, adults 12, infants 20. Woodville Post Office, Rappahannock county.

RICHMOND.

Monumental Church.

REV. GEORGE WOORBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 30 : removed, 10 : died, 3 : withdrawn, 1 : total, 166. Baptisms—adults, white, 3 : infants, white, 35 : total, 38. Confirmations, 25. Marriages,

(3 colored,) 5. Funerals, 17. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$887 67. The congregation have also purchased an organ during the year, at an expense of \$3,200. Richmond Post Office, Henrico county.

St. James's Church.

REV. A. EMPIE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 18; removed, 27; died, 1; total, 132. Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 17; total, 20. Confirmations since last convention, 18. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 10. Number of families 88, adults 261, children 170. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$352.

N. B.—Our church debt has been paid off, and our Sunday school been increased to 104 pupils. Richmond Post Office, Henrico county.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

REV. S. H. KEFFLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 1; died, 2; 1 colored communicant; present number, 55. Baptisms—infants, 14. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Sunday School—teachers, male, 5; female, 8; total, 13; scholars, 65. Contributions to the different institutions of the church, about \$750. This sum includes the amount collected for the repairs of the church. The old building is now undergoing a thorough repair, and when completed, it will last for many years to come. These repairs will be much more extensive than was at first supposed to be necessary; and as the cost will be considerably increased an additional subscription will be necessary to meet it. The old bell, which was unfortunately broken from long use, has been replaced by one of fine tone, from the factory of Mr. Meneely, of Troy, New York.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 14; removed, 11; died, 7; total, 207. Baptisms—infants, white, 15. Confirmations, 6. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 12. Number of families 130. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$1,985 05. Richmond Post Office, Henrico county.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

Latimer Parish.

Communicants—added, 8; died, 1; total, 37. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 7. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 6. Number of families 16, adults, 50, infants 45. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$50. Lexington Post Office, Rockbridge county.

SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added 2 from other cures; total, 13. Funerals, 2. Number of families 6, adults 20, children 15. There are 5 persons who are considered as members of this church, but living without the limits of the parish, are not included in this report.

Christ Church.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families 7, adults 20 to 25, infants 10 to 15. Marriages, 3.

SURREY COUNTY.

Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, (5 by removal), 9; total, 17. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, colored, 1. Funerals, 3. Number of families 9, adults 27, infants 17. Amount collected for the contingent fund, \$12.

I have been officiating at the Lower Surry Church for nearly four years, giving them service once a month. After removing from my former parish in Smithfield, to Hampton, I designed tendering my resignation in Surry; but upon the receipt of a letter numerously signed, I was induced to remain this year. I am satisfied if a single clergyman were to take charge of a congregation at Cabin Point, the Court House, and Lower Surry Church—a man of energy and of the right stamp, under God, the church in that county would prosper abundantly. Her interests have already received a favorable impulse, and the impression made in her favor already would greatly facilitate the labors of a resident Rector.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Yeocomico and Nomoni Churches, Cople Parish.

REV. E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—infants, white, 11. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Number of families 18. Amount collected for purposes connected with the church, \$700. Hague Post Office, Westmoreland county.

St. Peter's Church.

REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; died, 1; total, 10. Funerals, 2. Number of families 14, adults 38, infants 31. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$90. I preach to colored congregations in this parish, twice a month. Oak Grove Post Office, Westmoreland county.

St. James's Church, Montross Parish.

REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—white, 2. Communicants—total, 8. Number of families 6, adults 14, children 18. Amount contributed to church purposes, \$25.

This is a new parish, having been separated from Cople Parish in this county, by an act of the convention which met at Alexandria in 1850. In addition to the usual services for the white congregation, I preach twice a month to large colored congregations.

WHEELING.

St. John's Church.

REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 34 ; removed, 9 ; died, 1 ; total, 62. Baptisms—adults, white, 7 ; infants, white, 42, colored, 1 ; total, 50. Confirmations, 29. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 7. Number of families 29, adults 72, infants 52. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$275. In this amount is included sums contributed to building churches in destitute places in our own and other Dioceses. Post Office, Wheeling, Ohio county.

WOOD COUNTY.

Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.

REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8 ; died, 3 ; suspended, 1 ; total, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 8. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, general, diocesan, and parochial, \$100.

YORK COUNTY.

Grace Church, Yorktown.

REV. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 ; removed, 3 ; total, 6. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 5—white 4, colored 1. Funerals, 5. Number of families 5, adults 14, infants 13. Amount collected for contingent fund \$6. Post Office, Williamsburg.

As Chaplain to the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, Williamsburg, I officiate every Sunday to a large and, generally, attentive audience, who are glad to have an opportunity of attending religious services.

REPORT OF REV. E. R. LIPPITT.

During the past year I have assisted the clergy in my immediate neighborhood as often as my services have been called for. In the months of August and September, I officiated a number of Sundays in St. Bartholomew Chapel, Prince George county, Md., the Parish in which it is located being then vacant, and administered the rite of baptism to six infants, (colored.)

St. John's Church, Brooke County.

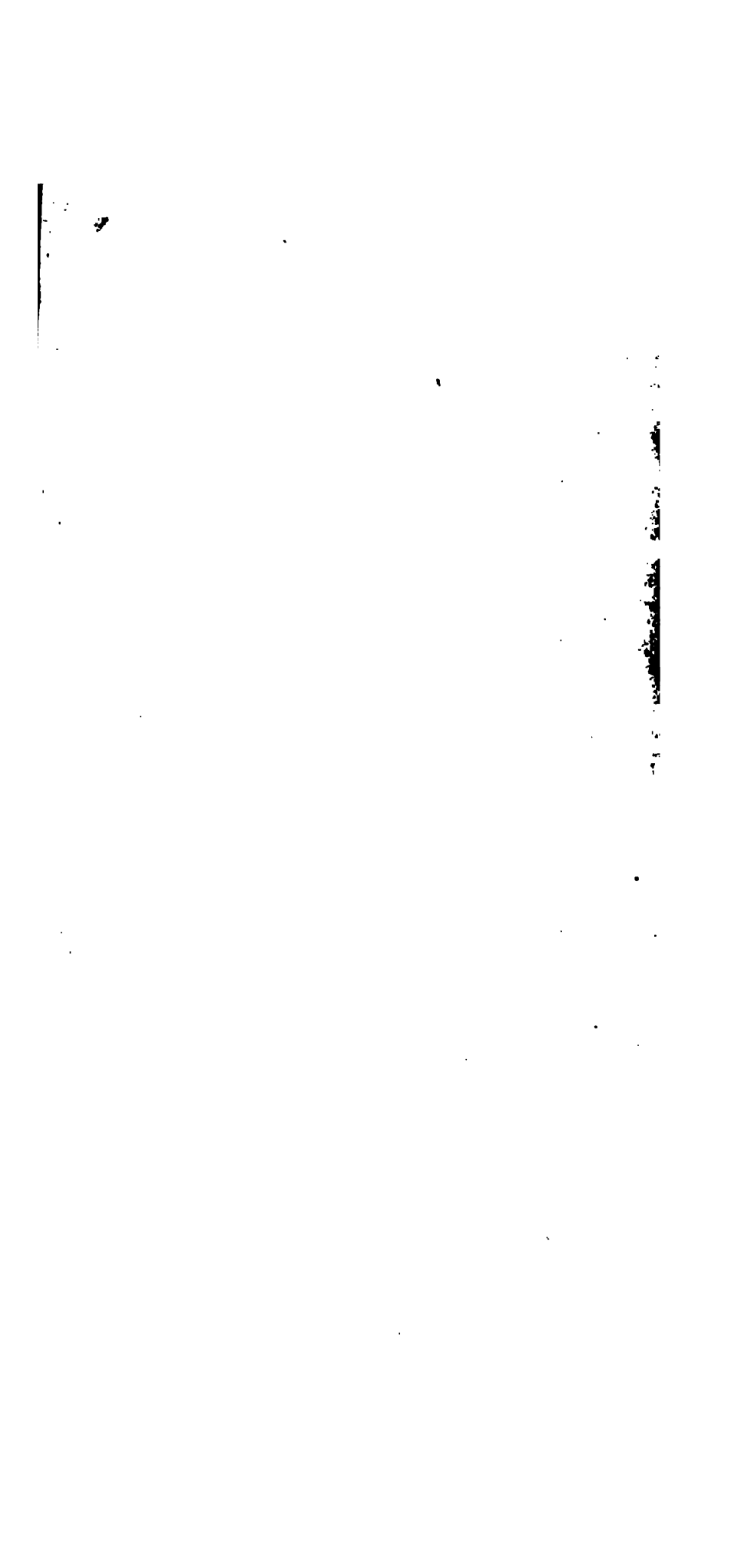
REV. JAMES B. GOODWIN, Rector.

To the Right Rev. William Meade, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia :

Having finished a neat and convenient church, and completed the fourth year of my ministry in this place ; and having understood that the congregation of Christ Church, Wellsburg, wished to reunite with that of St. John's, I resigned the Rectorship of this Parish the 30th of last June. The past year I have officiated twenty-four weeks in Pennsylvania, fourteen in Ohio, and eight in Virginia. The remaining six weeks were occupied in attending conventions, traveling for the benefit of my health, and visiting my friends.

JAMES B. GOODWIN.

CONNELLSVILLE, Fayette county, Pa., May 1, 1851.



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COMMUNICANTS—Added		633
“ Removed		312
“ Suspended		8
“ Withdrawn		15
“ Died		149
Losses by removal, suspension, withdrawals, and death		484
Nett gain		148
Total number of communicants in the Parishes which have reported		5412
BAPTISMS.—Adults { white.....	90	
{ colored.....	11	
Total	101	
“ Infants { white.....	738	
{ colored.....	106	
Total	844	945
Confirmations		345
Marriages		348
Funerals		584
Number of Families		2097
Contributions to charitable objects, exclusive of those made to the Contingent Fund		\$27,328 86

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND,

Received at Staunton, May, 1851.

St. James's Church, St. James's Parish, Accomac county, (on account of former delinquency \$5: contribution for 1851, \$13,).....	\$18 00
St. George's and St. Michael's Churches, St. George's Parish, Accomac co.,	8 00
Buck Mountain and St. Paul's, Frederickville Parish, Albemarle county,....	29 00
Christ Church, Charlottesville, Frederickville Parish, Albemarle county,.....	74 00
Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle county,.....	25 00
Walker's Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle county, (on account of former delinquency \$3: contributions for 1851, \$19,).....	22 00
Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.....	20 00
St. Luke's and Ascension Churches, Lexington Parish, Amherst county,.....	35 00
Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Augusta county..	91 00
Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria county.....	117 00
St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.....	142 00
Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Bedford county.....	24 00
St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish, Bedford county.....	13 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford county.....	69 00
Trinity Church, Martinsburg, Norborne Parish, Berkeley county.....	39 00
Christ Church, Norborne Parish, Berkeley county.....	5 00
Mt. Zion and Calvary Churches, Norborne Parish, Berkeley county,	14 00
Fincastle Church, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county,	34 00
Trinity Church, Buchanan, Woodville Parish, Botetourt county,.....	16 00
St. Peter's Church, Tipton Parish, Buckingham county,	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg Parish, Campbell county,	122 00
St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline county,	30 50
St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline county,	26 00
Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline county,	22 00
Westover Church, Westover Parish, Charles City county,	32 00
Trinity Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield county,	12 00
Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Clarke county,	73 00
Grace and Wickliffe Churches, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county,	92 00
St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Calpepper county,	36 00
St. James's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Calpepper county,	36 00
St. Paul's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Calpepper county,	12 00
St. James's Church, Lynnhaven Parish, Cambridge county,	36 00
St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish, Elizabeth City county,	41 00
Centurion Church, Old Point, Elizabeth City Parish, Elizabeth City county, ..	15 00
St. Anne's Parish, Essex county,	25 00
South Farnham Parish, Essex county,	38 00
Essex Church, Fairfax county,	16 55
Paul's Church, Fairfax county,	11 00
St. James's Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier county,	47 00
St. Stephen's Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier county,	9 00
St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county,	25 00
Trinity Church, Monks Parish, Fauquier county,	26 00

Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county,.....	27 00
Rivanni Parish, Fluvanna county,.....	24 00
Christ Church, Winchester Frederick Parish, Frederick county,.....	97 00
St. Thomas's Church, Frederick Parish, Frederick county,.....	16 00
Grace and Christ Churches, Meherin Parish, Greenville county,.....	17 00
St. John's Church, Antrim Parish, Halifax county.....	70 00
Brick and Catawba Churches, Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,.....	17 00
Fork and St. Paul's Churches, St. Martin's and St. Paul's Parish, Hanover co.	63 00
St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Henrico county,.....	54 00
Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Henrico county,.....	165 00
St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish, Henrico county.....	207 00
St. James's Church, Henrico Parish, Henrico county,.....	128 00
Christ Church, Patrick Parish, Henry county.....	12 00
Christ Church, Newport Parish Isle of Wight county,.....	16 50
Williamsburg Church, Bruton Parish, James City county,.....	65 00
Zion Church, Charlestown, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county,.....	90 00
Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, (former delinquency \$15 for 1851 \$55),.....	70 00
St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county,....	20 00
St. Bartholomew's and Middleway Churches, Norborne Parish, Jefferson co.	5 00
St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish, Kanawha county,.....	36 00
St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth, Kanawha Parish, Kanawha county,.....	7 50
St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, King George county,.....	3 00
St. John's Church Hanover Parish, King George county,.....	14 00
Christ Church, Lancaster county,.....	26 00
St. James's Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun county,.....	78 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa county,.....	8 00
Trinity Church, Trinity Parish Louisa county,.....	5 00
St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county, (former delinquency \$7; for 1851, \$37 18),...	44 18
Christ Church, Kingston Parish, Mathews county,.....	6 00
Old Church St. James's Parish, Mecklenburg county,.....	50 00
St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county,.....	17 00
Christ Church, Middlesex county,.....	8 00
St. Paul's Church, Suffolk Parish, Nansemond county,.....	32 00
St. John's Church, Chatham Parish Nansemond county,.....	8 00
Rockfish Church, Nelson Parish, Nelson county,.....	4 00
Trinity, Calloway, St. Paul's and Grace Churches, Nelson Parish, Nelson co.	25 00
Christ Church, Elizabeth River Parish, Norfolk county.....	360 00
St. Paul's Church, Elizabeth River Parish Norfolk county.....	171 00
Trinity Church Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county,.....	52 00
St. John's Church Portsmouth Parish, Norfolk county.....	37 00
Hungars and Christ Churches, Hungars Parish, Northampton county,.....	48 00
St. Mathew's Church, St. John's Parish, Ohio county.....	80 00
St. John's Church, Wheeling, St. John's Parish Ohio county,.....	51 00
St. Thomas's Church, St. Thomas's Parish, Orange county,...	64 00
St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg,.....	175 00
Grace Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg,.....	50 00
Epiphany and Emanuel Churches, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county,...	20 00

Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan county,.....!	20 00
St. Luke's and Emanuel Churches, St. James's Southam, Powhatan county,	32 00
Manakintown, King William Parish, Powhatan county,.....	4 00
Chapel und Emanuel Church, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county,.....	28 00
Merchants' Hope and Old Brandon Church, Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county,.....	56 00
St. James's Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince William county,.....	23 00
St. Paul's Church, Leeds Parish, Prince William county,.....	35 00
Church, Bloomfield Parish, Rappahannock county,.....	4 00
Church at the Licks, Bottetourt county, Roanoke county,.....	16 00
Grace Church, Lexington, Lattimer Parish, Rockbridge county,.....	36 00
St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, St. George's Parish, Spottsylvania co.	162 00
Christ Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania county,.....	16 00
St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania county,.....	13 00
Old Church, Southwark Parish, Surry county,.....	12 00
St. Peter's and St. James's Churches, Washington and Montrose Parishes, Westmoreland county,.....	19 00
Oak Grove Church, Cople Parish, Westmoreland county,.....	13 00
Church at Parkersburg, Trinity Parish, Wood county,.....	20 00
St. Andrew's Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county,.....	40 00
St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county,.....	15 00

Amount received by the Treasurer,.....\$4,804 23

St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, King George county, additional.....	2 00
St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa county, additional.....	3 00
Piedmont and Trinity Churches, Bloomfield Parish, Madison county, additional	17 00
Grace Church, York Hampton Parish, York county, additional.....	6 00
Immanuel Church, Albemarle Parish, Sussex county, additional.....	3 00
Christ Church, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight county, additional.....	7 50
Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Augusta county, in full of delinquency,.....	4 00
Trinity Parish, Marshall county, in full.....	10 00

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PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR DELINQUENT FOR
1850 AND 1851.

Albemarle county, Fredericksville Parish, Buck Mountain Church,.....	\$33 00
Albemarle county, St. Anne's Parish, Walker's Church,.....	2 00
Amelia county, Raleigh Parish, Grubb Hill Church,.....	4 00
Bedford county, Heber Parish, St. John's Church,.....	30 00
Bedford county, Russell Parish, Trinity Church,.....	3 00
Berkeley county, Norborne Parish, Mt. Zion and Calvary Churches,.....	51 00
Botetourt county, Woodville Parish, Trinity Church, Buchanan,.....	34 00
Brooke county, Christ Church Parish, Christ Church,.....	28 00
Buckingham county, Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church,.....	11 00

Caroline county, St. Margaret's Parish, St. Margaret's Church,.....	5 50
Clarke county, Frederick Parish, Christ Church, balance 1850,.....	5 00
Dinwiddie county, Bath Parish, Sapony and Calvary Churches,.....	41 00
Fauquier and Loudoun co., Meade Parish, Trinity and Emanuel Chs., 1850,	3 00
Fauquier county, Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church,.....	2 00
Gloucester county, Abingdon and Ware Parishes and Churches,.....	50 00
Goochland co., St. James's Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaver Dam Chs.	52 00
Isle of Wight county, Newport Parish, Christ Church,.....	14 50
James City county, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg Church,.....	10 00
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, St. John's Church, balance 1850,...	4 00
Kanawha county, Kanawha Parish, St. Mark's Church, Coalsmouth,...	12 50
Kanawha county, Kanawha Parish, St. John's and St. Luke's Churches,...	4 00
King George county, St. Paul's Parish, St. Paul's Church,.....	18 00
Lewis county, Weston Parish, St. Paul's Church,.....	22 00
Lunenburg county, Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches,	24 82
Madison county, Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont and Trinity Churches,....	13 50
Mecklenburg co., St. James's Parish, Old, St. James's and St. Andrew's Chs.	10 50
Mecklenburg, county, St. Luke's Parish, St. Luke's Church, for 1850,...	3 00
Nelson county, Nelson Parish, Rockfish Church,.....	3 00
Ohio county, St. John's Parish, St. John's Church,.....	11 00
Ohio county, St. Mathew's Church,.....	12 00
Petersburg, Bristol Parish, Grace Church,....	116 00
Pittsylvania county, Camden Parish, Epiphany and Emanuel Churches,...	31 00
Powhatan county, Genito Parish, Grace Church,.....	3 00
Powhatan co., St. James's Southam Parish, St. Luke's and Emanuel Chs.	10 00
Prince George county, City Point Parish, St. John's Church,.....	28 00
Putnam county, St. Paul's Parish, Wingfield Church,.....	22 00
Putnam county, St. Paul's Parish, St. John's Church,.....	8 00
Richmond county, Lunenburg Parish,.....	16 00
Richmond county, Farnham Parish,.....	10 00
Surry county, Southwark Parish, Old Church,.....	5 00
Spottsylvania county, Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church, for 1850,....	3 00
Westmoreland county, Cople Parish, Oak Grove Church,.....	7 00
Wood county, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg Church,.....	28 00
York county, York-Hampton Parish, Grace Church,.....	2 00
Amherst and Bedford counties, Russell, West Russell and Lexington Parishes, Trinity, St. Thomas's and St. Luke's Churches,.....	61 50
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NOTE.—The delinquency which appears in the Journal of 1850 against Christ Church, Alexandria, is erroneous, having been charged against colored communicants.

DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in the order of the Counties.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac.....	St. James'.....	St. James'.....	W. G. H. Jones.
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. George's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. Michael's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Buck Mountain.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	St. Paul's.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Christ, Charlottesville.....	R. K. Meade.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Trinity.....	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Walker's.....	E. Boyden.
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	St. Luke's, N. Glas-	
		gow,.....	David Caldwell.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	Ascension, Amb'tch.....	David Caldwell.
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Trinity, Staunton.....	T. T. Castleman.
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Boyden Chapel.....	T. T. Castleman.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	Christ, Alexandria.....	C. B. Dana.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	St. Paul's, Alexandria.....	J. T. Johnston.
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	Nelson Sale.
Bedford.....	West Russell.....	St. Thomas.....	Nelson Sale.
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's, Liberty.....	Nelson Sale.
Bedford.....	Hamner.....	St. Stephen's.....	O. A. Kinsolving.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Mt. Zion, Hedgesville.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Martinsburg.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Calvary.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Christ.....	C. McK. Callaway.
Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	Fincastle.....	G. T. Wilmer.
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan.....	J. McElroy.
Brooke.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	W. L. Hyland.
Brooke.....	Christ Church.....	St. John's.....	W. L. Hyland.
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	R. P. Johnson.
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peters, Port Royal.....	W. M. Friend.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	A. Shiras.
Charles City.....	Westover.....	.....	W. T. Leavell.
Charlotte.....	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....	(Vacant.)
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	Trinity.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Millwood.....	J. F. Hoff.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Grace, Berryville.....	J. Peterkin.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Wickliffe.....	J. Peterkin.

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Culpepper	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	John Cole.
Culpepper	St. Mark's.....	St. James'.....	John Cole.
Culpepper	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	John Cole.
Cumberland.....	Lytleton.....	Grace.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lytleton.....	St. James'.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lytleton.....	St. Paul's.....	O. Bulkley.
Dinwiddie	Bath.....	Sapony.....	W. E. Webb.
Dinwiddie	Bath.....	Calvary.....	W. E. Webb.
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.	J. C. McCabe.
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	Centurion, Old Point.	M. L. Chevers.
Essex.....	St. Anne's.....		J. P. McGuire.
Essex.....	South Farnham.....		J. P. McGuire.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....	W. T. Lockwood.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Falls.....	W. T. Lockwood.
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James', Warrenton.	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. Stephens'.....	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	W. H. Pendleton.
Fauquier.....	Meade.....	Trinity.....	R. T. Wilmer.
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity.....	C. Keith.
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....	St. John's.....	L. P. Clover.
Franklin.....	Franklin.....	At Court House.....	A. Wade.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester..	C Walker.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas', Middle- town.....	W. N. Irish.
Gloucester.....	Abingdon.....	Abingdon.....	Charles Mann.
Gloucester.....	Ware.....	Ware.....	Charles Mann.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.	St. Paul's.....	F. M. Whittle.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.	Beaverdam.....	F. M. Whittle.
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Grace.....	W. D. Hanson.
Greensville.....	Meherrin.....	Christ.....	W. D. Hanson.
Halifax.....	Antrim.....	St. John's.....	John Grammer.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Brick.....	J. T. Clark.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Catawba.....	J. T. Clark.
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Fork.....	Wm. V. Bowers.
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	E. B. McGuire.
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....		S. D. Tompkins, Missionary.
Harrison.....	Clarksburg.....		(Vacant.)
Henrico.....	Henrico.....	St. John's.....	H. S. Kepler.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Monumental.....	George Woodbridge.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. Paul's.....	Alexander Jones.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. James'.....	Adam Empie.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. Luke's.....	(Vacant.)
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Armory.....	(Vacant.)
Henry.....	Patrick.....	Christ.....	A. Wade.
Isle of Wight.....	Newport.....	Christ, Smithfield..	J. D. McCabe.
Isle of Wight.....	Newport.....	Old Church.....	

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James City.....	Bruton.....	—, Williamsburg.	(Vacant.)
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, Charlestown..	D. A. Tyng.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	Trinity, Shepherdst'n	C. W. Andrews.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....	H. Stringfellow, jr.
Jefferson.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Bartholomew's, Leetown.....	C. McK. Callaway.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. John's, Charleston	R. T. Brown.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Luke's, Salfines.	R. T. Brown.
Kanawha.....	Kanawha.....	St. Mark's, Coalem'th	F. B. Nash.
King George.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	(Vacant.)
King George.....	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	William Friend.
King William.....	St. David's.....	St. David's.....	(Vacant.)
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	R. S. Nash.
Lancaster.....	Christ Church.....	White Chapel.....	R. S. Nash.
Lewis.....	.....	St. Paul's, Weston..	S. D. Tompkins.
Loudoun.....	Shelburne.....	St. James'.....	George Adie.
Loudoun.....	Meade.....	Emanuel.....	R. T. Wilmer.
Louisa.....	Green Spring.....	St. John's.....	E. Boyden.
Louisa.....	Trinity.....	Trinity.....	John Cooke.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. John's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Lunenburg.....	Cumberland.....	St. Paul's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont.....	John Earnest.
Madison.....	Bloomfield.....	Trinity.....	John Earnest.
Marshall.....	Trinity.....	.....	William L. Hyland.
Mason.....	.....	Bruce Chapel.....	(Vacant.)
Mason.....	.....	Point Pleasant.....	(Vacant.)
Matthews.....	Kingston.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway.
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	Old Church.....	F. H. McGuire.
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. James'.....	F. H. McGuire.
Mecklenburg.....	St. James'.....	St. Andrew's.....	F. H. McGuire.
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's.....	(Vacant.)
Mecklenburg.....	St. Luke's.....	Clarksville.....	(Vacant.)
Middlesex.....	.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway.
Nansemond.....	Suffolk.....	St. Paul's.....	C. H. Disbrow.
Nansemond.....	Chuckatuck.....	St. John's.....	C. H. Disbrow.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Trinity.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Callaway.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Rockfish.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	St. Paul's, N. Market	
Nelson.....	Nelson.....	Grace.....	
New Kent.....	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	(Vacant.)
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	Christ, Norfolk city.	G. D. Cummins.
Norfolk.....	Elizabeth River.....	St. Paul's.....	Wm. M. Jackson.
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsmouth.	J. H. Wingfield.
Norfolk.....	Portsmouth.....	St. John's.....	James Chisholm.
Northampton.....	Hungars.....	Hungars.....	J. Rawson, D. D.

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Northampton	Hungars	Christ	J. Rawson, D. D.
Ohio, Wheeling.....	St. Matthew's.....	Wm. Armstrong.
Ohio.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	Jas. D. McCabe.
Orange.....	St. Thomas'.....	St. Thomas'.....	Jos. Earnest.
Petersburg	Bristol.....	St. Paul's.....	H. Stringfellow.
Petersburg	Bristol.....	Grace.....	C. J. Gibson.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Epiphany.....	G. W. Dame.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Emanuel.....	G. W. Dame.
Powhatan.....	Genito.....	Grace.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	St. Luke's.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	Immanuel.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	King William.....	.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Chapel.....	Lewis Walke.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Emanuel.....	Lewis Walke.
Prince George.....	City Point.....	St. John's.....	N. A. Okeason.
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon...	Merchants' Hope...	C. Minnigerode.
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon...	Old Brandon.....	C. Minnigerode.
Prince William.....	Dettingen.....	St. James'.....	John Towles.
Prince William.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	John Towles.
Putnam	St. Paul's.....	Winfield.....	F. B. Nash.
Putnam	St. Paul's.....	St. John's.....	F. B. Nash.
Putnam	St. Paul's.....	Teays's Valley	F. B. Nash.
Rappahannock.....	Bloomfield.....	.....	C. H. Shield.
Richmond.....	Lunenburg.....	.....	W. N. Ward.
Richmond.....	Farnham .....	.....	W. N. Ward.
Roanoke.....	Botetourt.....	At the Licks.....	G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge.....	Latimer.....	Grace, Lexington...	.....
Spottsylvania.....	St. George's.....	St. George's, Freder- icksburg.....	E. C. McGuire.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	Christ	D. M. Wharton.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	St. John's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Surry	Southwark	Old Church.....	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex	Albemarle.....	Immanuel.....	(Vacant.)
Washington.....	Holston	St. Thomas', Abingd'n	(Vacant.)
Westmoreland.....	Washington.....	St. Peter's.....	Wm. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	E. B. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James'.....	Wm. McGuire.
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	E. T. Perkins.
Wythe.....	Wythesville.....	.....	(Vacant.)
York.....	York-Hampton....	Grace.....	E. Withers.

REVISED
CONSTITUTION AND CANONS
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.



REVISED CONSTITUTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, &c.

AS ADOPTED IN 1836, AND AMENDED IN 1840 & 1850.

ARTICLE I.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, on the third Wednesday in May, every year; but the Convention which meets in the year previous to the meeting of the General Convention, may have power to appoint the time and place of meeting for the next annual session; and in the event of the existence of an epidemic disease or any other good cause, rendering it necessary or expedient to alter the place fixed on for any meeting of the Convention, the Bishop may change the place, or the time, or both, at his discretion.

ARTICLE II.

[As amended in 1840 and 1850.]

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, and of the officiating ministers who now are, or may hereafter be regularly and canonically elected in parishes or churches within this State, so long as they continue officiating in parishes or churches within this Diocese, professors of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, missionaries acting under the authority of the Bishop, and within this Diocese, and of those whom age or infirmity prevents from exercising their clerical functions, who shall be considered members *ex officio*, and also the acting agent or agents for any benevolent society or societies, and the Rector of the Episcopal High School, being clergymen of this Church, and who are under the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of this Diocese. No person under ecclesiastical censurè or process shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention. The Convention shall also be composed of lay members, consisting of one delegate for each parish or church, chosen by the vestry or trustees thereof. Every parish having more than one officiating minister, who hath been regularly and canonically elected, shall be entitled to send as many lay delegates as it has ministers—and in every case the delegate or delegates shall be communicants in the church. The Assistant Bishop shall preside in the Convention in the absence of the Bishop.

ARTICLE III.

Twelve members of the clerical, and twelve of the lay order shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn.

ARTICLE IV.

In all matters that shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body ; and the concurrence of a majority shall give validity to any measure ; but when three members require it, there shall be a vote by orders.

ARTICLE V.

The election of a Bishop of this Church shall be made in Convention in the following manner : The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified clergyman for that office ; and the votes of a majority of that order shall be requisite to constitute a choice ; and thereupon, such appointment shall be presented to the order of the lay delegates, and be considered by them ; and if, on a ballot, it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved of by a majority of the lay order, he shall then be declared to be duly elected.

ARTICLE VI

The Bishop shall be President of the Convention ; in which character it shall be his duty to give to the Convention, annually, a general view of the state of the Church ; to call special Conventions, at whatever time and place he shall think necessary, or when required by the standing committee ; to preserve order during the time of session ; to put the question, collect the votes, and declare the decision ; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject after it has been discussed, before a vote thereon.

ARTICLE VII.

In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal Office, the Convention immediately upon their assembling, shall choose, by joint ballot, a President from among the order of Priests, who shall remain in office until the next annual Convention, or until the next election of a President. He shall perform all duties, and possess all the privileges above specified ; but he shall not call special meetings of the Convention, unless applied to for that purpose, by a majority of the standing committee ; and if, while there is a Bishop in this Church, he shall not be present at any meeting of the Convention, they shall elect, in the manner aforesaid, a President *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behavior. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. It shall be his duty to notify through the channel of the public papers, as he may think proper, the time and place for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. The Secretary shall annex to the journals of every succeeding Convention, a list of the clergy, with all alterations therein produced in the preceding year by ordinations, deaths, removals, suspensions, and degradations.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Convention, who shall continue in office during good behavior, and who shall discharge the duties usually appertaining to that office.

ARTICLE X.

Before the adjournment of each annual Convention, a standing committee, consisting of six members, three clerical and three of the lay order, who shall be communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be chosen by a ballot of the clergy and laity.

ARTICLE XI.

Every parish within this Diocese shall be entitled to the entire benefit of this Convention, as soon as it shall have signified its ratification thereof, either in writing or by sending a lay delegate to the Convention; and such parish shall thereafter be benefitted and bound, equally with the other parishes in this Diocese, by every rule and canon which shall be framed by any Convention acting under this Constitution, for the government of this Church in ecclesiastical concerns.

ARTICLE XII.

This Constitution shall be unalterable, except in the following manner: A proposition for any change shall be introduced in writing and considered in Convention; and, if approved of, the same shall be transmitted to the several vestries of the parishes which shall have ratified this Constitution; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority, the change shall then take place; and the Constitution, so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.



C A N O N S
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
ADOPTED MAY, 1849, AND MAY, 1850.

CANON I.

Of the trial of a Bishop.

The trial of a Bishop shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying the offence of which he is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances. Such presentment may be made for any crime or immorality, for heresy, for violation of the constitution, canons, or rubrics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, or of this Diocese. Said presentment may be made by the Convention, two-thirds of each order present concurring: *Provided*, That two-thirds of the clergy, entitled to seats in said Convention be present; and *provided also*, that two-thirds of the parishes and churches, canonically in union with said Convention, be represented therein, and the vote thereon shall not, in any case, take place on the same day on which the resolution to present is offered. The Convention, making the presentment, shall by a concurrent vote, appoint a committee of prosecution, to consist of three presbyters and three lay members of their own body, by whom the presentment shall be signed in their official characters.

Such presentment shall be addressed to "the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." It shall be the duty of the committee of prosecution to cause said presentment to be delivered to the presiding Bishop, or, if he be the Bishop to be presented, then to the Bishop next in seniority, who shall thereon, be fully empowered to proceed to the trial according to the provisions made by the canons of the General Convention.

The committee of prosecution shall attend the trial, and prosecute the same.

CANON II.

Of the trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SEC. 1. The trial of a clergyman, not being a Bishop, shall be on a presentment in writing, specifying, with reasonable clearness and certainty as to time, place, and circumstance, the crime or misdemeanor, by violation of the canons or otherwise, charged; the said presentment to be made to the Bishop, either by the Convention, or by the vestry of the parish to which the accused belongs, or by any three presbyters of this Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention: the said vestry, or presbyters, pledging themselves to act as a committee of prosecution. If, however, the presentment be made by the Convention, then the Convention shall appoint the committee of prosecution, and furnish them with such instructions as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 2. Such presentment being made to the Bishop, and being accompanied by a further statement in writing of the names of the witnesses, and of the purport of their evidence, and by such documentary evidence as may be in their possession, the Bishop, unless the accusation appear to him an insufficient cause of presentment in itself, or to be clearly unsupported by evidence, shall immediately proceed to the trial according to the following provisions: He shall nominate from among the clergy, entitled to seats in the Convention, other than the members of the standing committee, eight presbyters, and cause a list of their names and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his last place of residence. Of the eight presbyters, nominated as aforesaid, the accused may choose five, or, in case of his refusal, or neglect, for twenty days, so to do, the Bishop shall select five, and the presbyters so chosen, shall constitute a court for the trial of the accused. The Bishop shall also, at the same time, cause at least thirty days' notice of the time and place of the trial to be given both to the accused and to the parties presenting him, and also to the presbyters nominated as before provided.

SEC. 3. The court shall appoint a President and Secretary—the first always from their own body.

SEC. 4. If the accused appear, before proceeding to trial, he shall be called on by the court to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of the offence, or offences, charged against him, and on his neglect or refusal to answer, the plea of *not guilty* shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed: *Provided*, that for sufficient cause, the court may adjourn, from time to time, and place to place: *And provided also*, that the accused shall, at all times during the trial, have liberty to be present, to produce his testimony, and to make his defence.

SEC. 5. On the request of the accused, or the committee of prosecution, witnesses may be summoned, if before the meeting of the court, by the

ishop, if during the session of the court, then by its President. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, administered by some officer, authorized by law. In case the testimony of any witness, whose attendance on the trial cannot be obtained, is desired, it shall be lawful for the party, at any time after notice of the presentment is served on the accused, to apply to the court, if in session, or if not, to the Bishop, who shall thereupon appoint a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and such party, so desiring to take the deposition, shall give to the other party, or some one of them, reasonable notice of the time and place of taking the deposition, accompanying such notice with the interrogatories to be propounded to the witness: whereupon, it shall be lawful for the other party, within six days after such notice, to propound cross interrogatories; and such interrogatories and cross interrogatories, if any be propounded, shall be sent to the commissioner, who shall, thereupon, proceed to take the testimony of such witness, and transmit it under seal to the court. But no deposition shall be read at the trial, unless the court have reasonable assurance that the attendance of the witness cannot be procured, or unless both parties shall consent that it may be read.

SEC. 6. The court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall, within ten days after closing the same, declare in a written judgment signed by them, or a majority of them, that the accused is guilty, or not guilty, of the charge or charges, or any of them, laid in the presentment, in the order therein set forth, and also, if guilty, what punishment shall be awarded; which judgment, with all the evidence received, shall be delivered forthwith to the Bishop; whereupon, unless the Bishop see cause to mitigate or remit the punishment, or to grant a new trial, he shall pronounce sentence according to the judgment of the court, and such sentence shall be final. In case a new trial is granted, a new court shall be constituted according to the provisions of this canon.

SEC. 7. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear before the court, when summoned according to section second of this canon, and no defence be there made under his authority, the court shall declare him to be in contumacy, and report the same to the Bishop, and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall pass against him for contumacy; but the said sentence shall be reversed by the Bishop, if, within three calendar months, the accused shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear to take his trial on the presentment; but, if he shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of degradation from the ministry, for contumacy, shall forthwith be pronounced by the Bishop, who shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the congregations of the diocese, by the respective ministers thereof.

SEC. 8. If, at any time, the accused shall confess himself guilty of the matters charged in the presentment, or any of them, the court shall proceed to award the punishment and certify the same as herein before provided, to the Bishop, who shall, unless he see cause to remit or mitigate the punishment, pronounce the sentence according to the canons.

SEC. 9. All notices and papers contemplated by this canon may be served by a summoner, or summoners, appointed by the Bishop, or by the court, when the same is in session, and the certificate of any such summoner shall be evidence of the due service of a notice or paper. The delivery of a written notice or paper to a party, or the leaving it at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

SEC. 10. The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel, and, in case of the exercise of such privilege, but not otherwise, those presenting shall have the like privilege. If the party accused desire it, the trial shall be in public, and said party shall be entitled to a copy of the evidence, if he require it.

SEC. 11. In case of a presentment occurring during a vacancy in the Episcopal office, such presentment shall be made to the Standing Committee, who shall thereon take such steps as are by this canon enjoined on the Bishop: *Provided*, that on receiving the proceedings and judgment of the court, they shall transmit the same to the Bishop of some other Diocese, who shall be requested, and is hereby authorized, to act thereon, as if he were the Bishop of the Diocese, and if he shall concur in opinion with the court he shall proceed to pronounce sentence accordingly.

CANON III.

Of the proceedings in the trial of a Layman, after expulsion by the Minister from the Holy Communion.

If any person repelled from the Holy Communion, shall allege to the Bishop that injustice has been done, or if, notwithstanding he shall have professed himself ready and willing, in truth and sincerity, to comply with the requisitions expressed in the rubric, in order to be restored to the Holy Communion, his repulsion shall be continued; he may present his complaint in writing to the Bishop, setting forth the grounds thereof, and desiring that he may be restored to the Communion—and then the Bishop, unless he think fit to restore the communicant from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister, shall nominate two of the clergy and two of the laity, of whom the minister repelling shall select one of the clergymen and the communicant one of the laymen; and it shall be the duty of the two, thus chosen, to take without delay the evidence in the case, under oath and in writing, of such witnesses as may be produced

by either of the parties, and to certify the same to the Bishop, who, thereupon, unless for his own satisfaction, or for good cause shown by either of the parties interested, he shall desire further evidence, shall proceed to adjudge the case. If further evidence be required, it shall be obtained and certified, either by the same commission, or by another appointed in the manner above prescribed, as the Bishop may direct. And when the evidence is thus procured, the Bishop shall adjudge the case, and shall communicate his judgment whenever made to the minister repelling and to the communicant repelled, which judgment shall be final and conclusive: *Provided*, that in case his judgment shall direct a further continuance of the repulsion, it shall nevertheless be subject to all the conditions and provisions of the rubric.

CANON IV.

Of the transfer of Communicants from one Parish, or Church, to another.

Every communicant removing from one parish or church to another, within this Diocese, and desiring to be enrolled as a communicant thereof, shall present to the minister a certificate of regular standing from the minister, or, if there be no minister, from the vestry of the parish or church from which the communicant desires to be transferred.

CANON V.

Ministers to be careful in admitting to Holy Communion.

No minister shall enroll any persons as communicants in the parish or congregation under his charge, until he has conversed with them on the subject, or unless he shall be satisfied that they have been regular communicants in some other parish or congregation; nor shall he so enroll any one, who is known to deny the doctrines of the gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the church.

CANON VI.

Communicants to have Family Worship.

It shall be the duty of every communicant in this Church, who is at the head of a family, to live in the daily exercise of family worship.

CANON VII.

The Members of this Church to instruct their Families in the principles of Religion.

The members of this Church shall instruct their families, as far as they are able, in the principles of the Christian religion. Parents and sponsors shall be careful to teach their children the solemnity and obligation of their

baptismal vow, to cause them to attend the catechetical and other instructions of their minister; and, as soon as they are sufficiently instructed and impressed with the importance and sacredness of their baptismal promise, shall take care that they come to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

CANON VIII.

Of the due celebration of Sunday.

All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the Word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, and in acts of charity, using all sober and godly conversation.

CANON IX.

Of Vestries, Church Wardens, &c.

SEC. 1. The vestries shall be chosen for each parish in this Diocese, in the following manner: Every person above twenty-one years of age, resident of the parish six months next preceding the day of election, being a pew holder or contributor to the charges of the parish, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of vestrymen for such parish; and all persons so qualified shall, on every Easter Monday, assemble in their respective parishes, at the parish church, or at such other place as the minister of the parish, or, if there be no minister, as any three or more vestrymen, or, if there be not three vestrymen, as any three members of the church may have publicly notified to the parishoners; and the said persons, so qualified to vote, when assembled, or such of them as may assemble in each parish, shall proceed, by a majority of votes, to elect, by ballot, five or more vestrymen, not exceeding twelve, from among the parishoners qualified to vote, who, with the minister of the parish for the time being, shall be the vestry of the said parish, for the ensuing year, and continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified to act.

SEC. 2. If, from any cause whatever, Easter Monday should elapse without any election of vestrymen, then the said election may be held on any other day (Sunday excepted) appointed for the purpose at any time thereafter, although it may be in any subsequent year, of which day notice shall be given by the minister, if there be any, in his church, immediately after divine service, on two succeeding Sundays, and, if there be no minister, by any two vestrymen, by writing, set up at the door of the church, two weeks before the day of meeting.

SEC. 3. Every person, chosen a vestryman, shall, before he acts as such, subscribe to the following declaration and promise:

"I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I

do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States. And I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of ——— parish in ——— county, without prejudice, favor, or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge."

SEC. 4. The vestrymen of each parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of parishioners, proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

SEC. 5. If any vacancy happen in the vestry, or any elected shall refuse to serve, the other members shall have power to appoint a new member or members, as the case may be, to serve till the succeeding election.

SEC. 6. The minister of the parish, for the time being, shall preside in the vestry when present, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner personally interested. A majority of the whole number of vestrymen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

SEC. 7. Whenever a meeting of the vestry shall be necessary, it shall be called by the minister, but, if there be no minister, or if he be absent, or refuse or neglect to call a meeting when requested to do so by any two of the vestrymen, they may themselves summon a vestry.

SEC. 8. On every Easter Monday, after the election of vestrymen, the vestry shall proceed to choose, from among their own body, two suitable persons to be Church Wardens for the ensuing year. If Church Wardens should not, from any cause, be chosen by the vestry on Easter Monday, they may be chosen at any subsequent meeting of the vestry.

SEC. 9. The vestry of every parish shall provide a fit person as Register of the Parish, whose duty it shall be to keep true and fair entries of the proceedings of such vestry, and whenever there shall be no minister of the parish, then he shall also enter in a book, provided for the purpose by the vestry, all baptisms, marriages, and funerals, in the parish, by any minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which may be made known to him by any of the said ministers or vestrymen of the parish; and it shall also be the duty of said register, in the entry of baptisms, to insert the christian names and surnames of the parents, with dates of the baptisms and births of the persons baptized; and, in the entry of marriages and burials, to insert the time of the celebration and the christian and surnames of the persons married and the persons buried.

SEC. 10. The term "parish," wherever it occurs in the foregoing canon, shall be interpreted also to mean church or congregation, whenever such church or congregation is entitled to a separate vestry, unless where the context requires a more restricted construction.

CANON X.

Concerning exceptions to the foregoing Canon.

Whereas the preceeding canon, which directs the manner of choosing vestrymen in the several parishes, is not applicable to the case of churches built and supported by voluntary associations of individuals; and it is proper that those who hold the sole property of a particular church—as in the case of the Monumental Church, Richmond, and in all similar cases—should provide for its care and management, the choice of vestrymen shall be made by the pew-holders of the respective churches, conforming, as to the time of appointment and manner of qualifying the vestrymen, to the regulations prescribed by the ninth canon, excepting in the case of Christ Church, in the city of Norfolk, which, being under peculiar circumstances in relation to the number of trustees, the time and manner of electing them and the Rector, the pew-holders are permitted to conform to their own regulations in those particulars.

CANON XI.

Of the division of Parishes.

SEC. 1. Whenever the members of the church, residing in a particular portion of a parish, shall desire to separate from the parish of which they form a part, it shall be lawful for them to assemble and appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

SEC. 2. The committee thus appointed shall give to the Bishop and to the majority of the vestry (if there be one) of the parish from which they desire to be separated, a formal notice of their intention to apply for such purpose, which notice shall contain a description of the proposed line or lines of division, and shall be sent to the Bishop and said vestry, at least three months before the meeting of the Convention to which the application shall be made.

SEC. 3. Said application shall be made in the form of a petition to the Convention, and shall set forth the considerations which are supposed to render the division desirable; whereupon the Convention may, if they deem it expedient, proceed to divide said parish, and to constitute the portion thereof applying for separation a new parish, with all the rights and privileges of other parishes of this Diocese.

SEC. 4. As soon after the adjournment of the Convention as may be practicable, the committee aforesaid shall give at least two weeks notice to the members of the church, residing in the new parish, to assemble for the election of a vestry, which election shall be conducted according to the directions contained in canon ninth.

SEC. 5. The committee aforesaid, or a majority of those who may attend, shall judge of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of

persons proposed to be elected, and of the election of vestrymen ; and those persons whom said committee shall declare to be duly elected, shall be the vestry of said parish, until the election and qualification of the succeeding vestry.

CANON XII.

Of the formation of New Congregations.

When any number of persons belonging to any parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed, according to the directions given in the eleventh canon, except that, in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorise, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Convention deem expedient: *Provided*, that the time of electing and the manner of qualifying vestrymen shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the ninth canon.

CANON XIII.

Of the evidence of the appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention.

The appointment of lay delegates to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified by the rector, register, or warden of the proper parish or church, and said certificate shall be in form as follows :

“ This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of _____ Parish, (or Church,) in _____ county, held on the _____ day of _____, A. B., who is a communicant in said parish, or church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord, _____.

A. B., *Rector.*

C. D., *Register, or
Church Warden.”*

CANON XIV.

Of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 1. Any vacancy occurring by death, or otherwise, in the standing committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining clerical members, and lay members of the committee.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop, as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of suspension, deposition or degradation from the ministry, shall belong to, and be performed by, the standing committee.

SEC. 3. The record of all the proceedings, on a presentment of a clergyman or layman, shall be preserved by the standing committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their secretary.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the standing committee, before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to draft, with the advice and approbation of the Bishop, a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be presented to the General Convention.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the standing committee, at every meeting of the Convention, to submit, in addition to the report of their proceedings, the documents also which have been laid before them during the year.

CANON XV.

A List to be made of Ministers in this Diocese.

Within one week before every stated meeting of the Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the standing committee, shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations as missionaries, or of the colleges, academies, or other seminaries of learning in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who have no cure, or are not engaged in missions, or institutions of learning, as above, their places of residence only. And such list, corrected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom, and be appended to the journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. The list of the clergy of this Diocese, so prepared by the Bishop or standing committee, and annexed, according to the changes which may occur, whether by death, ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from, or admission into, this Diocese, shall be evidence of a clergyman's having a cure or mission, or engagement in a seminary of learning. And no clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on said list.

SEC. 3. The right of any clergyman to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be determined according to the provisions of the constitution and canons, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention, their

names shall be called over, and absentees noted, and at the ensuing stated Convention, they shall be required to give excuses for their absence.

CANON XVI.

Of Candidates for Orders.

If any candidate for orders in this Diocese shall be charged with any of the offences, for which a communicant may be subjected to discipline, or with having, without good and sufficient cause, desisted from his studies preparatory for ordination, the Bishop and standing committee shall carefully investigate the charge, and if satisfied that the offence alleged has been committed, the Bishop shall erase the name of the offender from the register, and inform him that he has ceased to be a candidate.

CANON XVII.

Respecting the Property of the Church.

The vestries respectively shall hold all glebes, lands, parsonage houses, churches, books, plate, or other property, now belonging, or hereafter accruing, to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, as trustees for the benefit of the parish, or church, for whose use the same were, or shall hereafter be, purchased, or otherwise obtained; and may improve, demise, or otherwise dispose of the lands, or houses allowed for the minister's habitation, or use, with the minister's consent; if there be no minister, with the consent of the Bishop; or in case there be no minister, and the Episcopal office be vacant, then not without the consent of the standing committee. The vestry may also use, improve, or dispose, of all personal property, and the produce, rents, and profits of lands and houses, (not appropriated for the occupancy and use of the minister,) belonging to the church, in repairing the church and parsonage house for the benefit of the respective parishes or churches, and may make such rules and orders for managing the affairs and temporal concerns of their respective churches and parishes as they shall think most conducive to their interest and prosperity. They shall have the sole power of directing the payment of money, belonging to the respective churches and parishes, and appoint a clerk, treasurer, and collector, when necessary; all which proceedings shall be entered in a well bound book, to be kept for that purpose. But when there are trustees under the act of the Legislature, passed February 3d, 1842, authorized to hold real property, such real property shall not be subject to the provisions of this canon.

CANON XVIII.

Providing for the expenses of the Diocese.

The vestry of each parish or church shall, at every annual Convention pay to the treasurer such sums as may be apportioned to them respectively for the purpose of defraying such expenses as may be authorized by Convention.

CANON XIX.

Offenders to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table.

Any member of the Church, being a communicant thereof, conduct himself or herself in a manner unworthy of a christian, ought to be admonished, or repelled from the Lord's Table, by the minister of the parish church, according to the rubric; and gaming, attendance on horse-race and theatrical amusements, witnessing immodest and licentious exhibitions or shows, attending public balls, habitual neglect of public worship, denial of the doctrines of the Gospel, as generally set forth in the authorized standards of the Church, are offences for which discipline should be exercised. This enumeration, however, shall not be construed to include all the subjects of discipline in the Church, and in cases where it may be deemed expedient by the minister, or may be requested by the accused, church wardens, or either of them, if communicants, shall be summoned to assist the minister in ascertaining the facts of the case: *Provided*, That such warden or wardens shall fail or refuse to act within ten days, the minister shall proceed to act under the rubrics of this Church.

CANON XX.

Concerning altering or adding to the Canons of this Church.

No proposed alteration or addition to the canons shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice given in open Convention, nor until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon by a committee of at least two presbyters and two laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention if two-thirds of the members shall not concur therein: but in such case, it shall lie over for consideration until the next annual Convention.

CANON XXI.

All former canons of this Diocese, not included in these canons, hereby repealed.

AN ACT
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

New Code of Virginia, Chap. 77, page 362.

§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The circuit court of the county or corporation, wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise, or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees, having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their names, in behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant

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to such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

NOTE.—On the 3d of February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship,” which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which took effect on the 1st July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be devised for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be conveyed by deed in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalised a devise, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial place or parsonage.

The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy :

New Code, Chapter 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnised, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnise their marriages by the consent of the parties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnised, *within three months thereafter* ; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose, with a proper index thereto ; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person, celebrating a marriage, or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, *he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.*

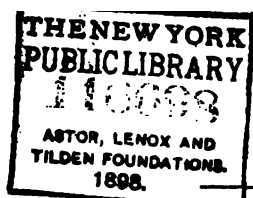
***Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the
Episcopal Church in Virginia.***

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or _____ executors, or administrators, of such survivor, (should such survivor die before this will takes effect,) _____ for the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of said A. B. and C. D., the survivor or executor, or administrators of such survivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor. And this legacy is to be paid by my executors, as above directed, whether the person to whom the payment as above directed is to be made shall be under any legal obligation to apply it as above described or not; it being my intention, that no kindred or other legatee of mine shall take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any interest or trust in the said legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as directed, so that, if the person who may receive it shall not voluntarily apply it to the use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of said legacy."



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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

_____ PARISH,
_____ Church, _____
_____ County, _____.

	Total.
Baptisms.—White adults, —; white infants, —; } " Colored adults, —; colored infants, —; }	_____
Communicants.—Added, white, —; colored, —;.....	_____
" Removed, —; withdrawn, —; suspended, —;.....	_____
" Present number—white, —; colored, —;.....	_____
Confirmed.—White, —; colored, —;.....	_____
Marriages.—White, —; colored, —;.....	_____
Funerals.—White, —; colored, —;.....	_____
Sunday Schools, —; Teachers, —; Scholars, —; Families, —.	
Amount of contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church, \$——.	
Post Office, _____	
Remarks—	

[Number of white communicants to be handed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.]]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry, (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of _____ parish (or Church) in _____ county, held on the _____ day of _____, _____ who is a communicant in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord,

_____, Rector.
_____, Register,
or Church Warden.

PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF CONVENTION.

WHEELING—	Third Wednesday in May,	1853.
LYNCHBURG	"	1854.
FREDERICKSBURG	"	1855.
PETERSBURG	"	1856.
WINCHESTER	"	1857.
NORFOLK	"	1858.
CHARLOTTESVILLE	"	1859.
ALEXANDRIA	"	1860.
STAUNTON	"	1861.
RICHMOND	"	1862.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
MAY 16, 1852.

- RT. REV. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D.,** Bishop, Millwood Post Office, Clarke county.
RT. REV. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, Williamsburg.
REV. GEORGE ADIE, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun county.
REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
REV. CHARLES E. AMBLER, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle co. P. O., Porter's Precinct.
REV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia Court House.
REV. WM. V. BOWERS, St. Martin's Parish, Verdon, Hanover county.
REV. O. BULKLEY, Lyttleton Parish, Langhorne's, Cumberland county.
REV. E. BORDEN, Walker's Parish, Albemarle county. Post Office, Cobham's Depot.
REV. R. T. BROWN, Kanawha Parish, Charleston, Kanawha county.
REV. FRANCIS M. BAKER, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county.
REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Trinity Church, Staunton.
REV. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Christ Church, Norfolk.
REV. MARK L. CHEVERS, Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Roanoke Parish. Post Office, Midland, Charlotte county.
REV. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
REV. JOHN COOKE, officiating in Louisa county, Ætna, Hanover county.
REV. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst Court House.
REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex. P. O., Urbanna.
REV. LEWIS P. CLOVER, Grace Church, Lexington.
REV. G. McK. CALLOWAY, Jefferson county. Post Office, Middleway.
REV. G. W. DANE, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
REV. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
REV. JAMES DOUGHER, residing in Lynchburg.
REV. E. A. DALRYMPLE, Rector of the Episcopal High School, Theological Seminary,
 Fairfax county.
REV. H. M. DENNISON, Agent Virginia Bible Society.
REV. JOSEPH EARNEST, St. Thomas Church, Orange Court House.
REV. ADAM EMPIRE, D. D., St. James's Church, Richmond.
REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Port Royal, Caroline county.
REV. ANDREW FISHER, St. James's Southam, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan county.
REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Nelson Parish, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson county.
REV. JOHN GRAMMER, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.

- Rev. C. J. GIBSON, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 Rev. JOHN H. HILL, Missionary, Athens, Greece.
 Rev. J. F. HOFF, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke county.
 Rev. WILLIAM D. HANSON, Missionary, Kabletown, Jefferson county.
 Rev. W. L. HYLAND, Trinity Parish, Marshall county. Post Office, Grave Creek.
 Rev. WILLIAM N. IRISH, St. Thomas's Church, Frederick county; and Hampshire Parish. Post Office, Middletown, Frederick county.
 Rev. R. P. JOHNSTON, St. Andrew's Parish, Sturgeonville, Brunswick county.
 Rev. WILLIAM M. JACKSON, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
 Rev. JAMES T. JOHNSTON, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.
 Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, D. D., St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
 Rev. JACOB KEELING, Suffolk, Nansemond county.
 Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
 Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county. P. O., Forest Depot.
 Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
 Rev. JNO. H. KEHLER.
 Rev. E. R. LIPPITT, Alexandria.
 Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Cumberland Parish, Macfarland's Store, Lunenburg county.
 Rev. W. T. LEAVELL, Westover Parish, Charles City C. H.
 Rev. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, and Zion Church, Truro Parish, Fairfax Court House.
 Rev. B. B. LEACOCK, St Paul's Parish, King George county.
 Rev. CHARLES MANN, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester Court House.
 Rev. JAMES MAY, D. D., Professor of Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax county.
 Rev. R. K. MEADE, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
 Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Martin's Brandon Parish, Garysville, Prince George county.
 Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, D. D., St. John's Church, Wheeling.
 Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Hampton, St. John's, and Elizabeth City Parish and county.
 Rev. E. C. MCGUIRE, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 Rev. J. P. MCGUIRE, St. Anne's and South Farnham Parish, Loretto, Essex county.
 Rev. F. H. MCGUIRE, Mecklenburg county.
 Rev. E. B. MCGUIRE, Cople Parish. Post Office, Rice's Store, Westmoreland county.
 Rev. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Washington and Cople Parishes, Westmoreland, Oak Grove P. O., Westmoreland county.
 Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham county.
 Rev. R. M. MITCHESON, residing in Philadelphia.
 Rev. WILLIAM NORWOOD, D. D., Old Church P. O., Hanover county.
 Rev. G. H. NORTON, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton.
 Rev. JOSEPH PACKARD, D. D., Professor, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
 Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Leeds Manor, Fauquier county.
 Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.
 Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, Wood county.
 Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.
 Rev. JAMES A. PAGE, City Mission, Richmond.
 Rev. JAMES RAWSON, D. D., Hungar's Parish, Northampton county.
 Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Meherrin Parish. Post Office, Hicksford, Greenville county.

- Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent Colonization Society of Virginia. Post Office, Fredericksburg.
- Rev. NELSON SALE, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford county.
- Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
- Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr., St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.
- Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Martinsburg.
- Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH, Editor Southern Churchman, Alexandria.
- Rev. ARISTIDES SMITH, officiating, St. Paul's, Suffolk. Post Office, Norfolk.
- Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Norfolk.
- Rev. CHARLES H. SHIELD, Salem, Fauquier county.
- Rev. S. R. SLACK, Fredericksville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
- Rev. WM. SPARROW, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
- Rev. SILAS D. TOTTEY, D. D., Professor in William & Mary College, Williamsburg.
- Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.
- Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Milford Mills, Prince William.
- Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, King William Parish, Powhatan. Post Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield county.
- Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Christ Church, Weston, Lewis county, and St. John's Parish, Brooke county. Post Office, Weston, Lewis county.
- Rev. DUDLEY A. TYNG, Zion Church, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county. Post Office, Charlestown.
- Rev. WILLIAM N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Richmond county. Post Office, Lyell's Store.
- Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
- Rev. JOHN A. WHARTON, Liberty Post Office, Bedford.
- Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germanna, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Middleburg, Loudoun county.
- Rev. G. T. WILMER, Salem Parish, Roanoke county.
- Rev. EDMUND WITHERS.
- Rev. LEWIS WALKER, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk P. O.
- Rev. WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Dinwiddie Court House.
- Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
- Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, St. George's Parish, Pungoteague, Accomac.
- Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Northam Parish, St. James and Beaver Dam Churches, Goochland county. Pemberton Post Office.
- Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish. P. O., Matinsville, Henry county.
- Rev. J. A. WHEAT, Vice Principal Virginia Female Institute, and Rector of Rockingham Parish.
- Rev. H. T. WILCOXON, Smithfield, Isle of Wight.



LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE ON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF THE
PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH THEY REPRESENTED.

Alexandria—C. F. Lee, Christ Church; William H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church.

Amelia County—Dr. Thomas Meaux, Grubb Hill Church.

Albemarle County—Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish; Dr. J. N. Gantt, St. Anne's Parish; Eugene Davis, Christ Church, Charlottesville; Raleigh Colston, Fredricksville Parish.

Brunswick County—John Ravenscroft Jones, St. Andrew's Parish.

Botetourt County—Ed. Valentine, Trinity Church.

Botetourt and Roanoke Counties—T. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish.

Buckingham County—Richard S. Ellis, Tillotson Parish.

Bedford County—Wm. Radford, St. Stephen's Church; J. W. Sherman, St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish; Hiram Chesewood, Trinity Church, Russell Parish.

Cumberland County—George F. Harrison, Lyttleton Parish.

Campbell County—Joseph Jones, St. John's Church, Moore Parish.

Clarke County—Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish; Dr. Rob. Randolph, Christ Church, Millwood.

Culpepper County—R. H. Cuninghame, St. James's Church; W. B. Slaughter, St. Stephen's Church.

Charles City County—Robert Douthat, Western Parish.

Caroline County—Wm. B. Harris, St. Margaret's Church.

Essex County—Arthur Temple, South Farnham.

Fauquier County—William Noland, Meade Parish; Robert E. Peyton, Piedmont Parish; Richard C. Ambler, Leeds Parish.

Fredericksburg—Joseph B. Ficklin, St. George's Church.

Hanover County—Edmund Fontaine, St. Martin's Parish; Benjamin R. Blake, St. Paul's Church.

Halifax County—Dabney Cosby, Antrim Parish.

Isle of Wight County—Dr. James Southall, Christ Church, Smithfield.

Lunenburg County—R. B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish.

Lancaster County—John Chewning, Christ Church.

Lewis County—James O. Hawley, St. Paul's Church.

Lynchburg—Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.

Mecklenburg County—Dr. Charles Sturtevant, St. Luke's Church.

Marshall County—Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church.

Norfolk City—A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church; Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church.

New Kent County—John C. Apperson, St. Peter's Church.

Orange County—Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas's Church.

Princess Anne County—Thurmer Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish.

Petersburg—Charles Friend, Grace Church; John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church.

Prince George County—Dr. N. M. Osborne, Martin's Brandon Parish.

Portsmouth—John N. Ashton, Jr., Trinity Church; Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

Powhatan County—George N. Skipwith, Grace Church; Richard Anderson, St. James's Parish.

Roanoke County—George P. Tayloe, Botetount Parish.

Rockbridge County—William Stevens, Grace Church, Lexington.

Richmond County—Robert G. Montgomery, Farnham Parish.

Richmond City—W. H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church; George M. Carrington, St. John's Church; B. B. Minor, St. James's Church; George N. Johnson, Monumental Church.

Rockingham Parish and County—S. H. Lewis.

Staunton—Pike Powers, Trinity Church.

Winchester—Philip Williams, Christ Church.

Wheeling—Robert U. Bonham, St. Matthew's Church.

Williamsburg—Goodrich Durfee, Bruton Parish.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.

2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

4th. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

7th. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across, the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10th. Every member who shall be in the house, when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present, and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and further debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention or is postponed indefinitely, the

same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held under the direction of the President of the Convention ; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention, and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order :

A committee on the state of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention ; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29th. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer, *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention ; reading of the Pastoral Addresses ; the proceedings of the standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their report, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Report, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, *May* 19, 1852.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., in St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. William Friend, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. William Sparrow, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, from the 15th chapter of Acts, 6th verse: "And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter."

The Right Rev. William Meade, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, took the Chair, assisted by the Right Rev. John Johns, D. D. The Secretary called the roll of the clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention, when the following answered to their names and took their seats as members of the Convention, to wit:

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.
Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.
Rev. George Adie,
" P. F. Berkley,
" Wm. V. Bowers,
" O. Bulkley,
" T. T. Castleman,
" Mark L. Chivers,
" James Chisholm,
" John Cole,
" John Cooke,
" G. S. Carroway,
" H. M. Dennison,
" Joseph Earnest,
" Adam Empie, D. D.
" Wm. Friend,
" Andrew Fisher,
" F. D. Godwin,

Rev. John Grammer,
" C. J. Gibson,
" W. L. Hyland,
" R. P. Johnson,
" William M. Jackson,
" Alexander Jones, D. D.
" Wm. H. Kinckle,
" H. S. Kepler,
" Thos. E. Locke,
" Wm. T. Leavell,
" W. F. Lockwood,
" Charles Mann,
" Charles Minnigerode,
" John C. McCabe,
" E. C. McGuire, D. D.
" John P. McGuire,
" E. B. McGuire,
" William McGuire,

Rev. Wm. C. Meredith,	Rev. A. B. Tizzard,
“ William Norwood,	“ Dudley A. Tyng,
“ G. H. Norton,	“ William N. Ward,
“ Joseph Packard, D. D.	“ John H. Wingfield,
“ E. T. Perkins,	“ George Woodbridge,
“ Joshua Peterkin,	“ Richard H. Wilmer,
“ P. G. Robert,	“ G. T. Wilmer,
“ Philip Slaughter,	“ Edmund Withers,
“ Horace Stringfellow,	“ Lewis Walke,
“ Horace Stringfellow, Jr.,	“ J. Ambler Weed,
“ George A. Smith,	“ Anderson Wade, M. D.
“ S. R. Slack,	“ H. T. Wilcoxon,
“ Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,	“ James A. Page,
“ A. Shiras,	“ W. D. Hanson.

Mr. George M. Carrington was appointed the Treasurer, *pro tem.*, to receive the contributions to the Contingent Fund.

The Rev. T. T. Castleman, S. W. Shelton and Roger B. Atkinson, were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who, having performed that duty, reported the following persons elected according to the Canons as Lay Delegates to this Convention, to wit:

Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county.
 Jno. Chewning, Christ Church, Lancaster county.
 Eugene Davis, Christ Church, Charlottesville, Albemarle county.
 Edward Valentine, Trinity Church, Botetourt county.
 Roger B. Atkinson, Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg county.
 Robt. G. Montgomery, Farnham Parish, Richmond county.
 W. H. Macfarland, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.
 S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.
 Dr. Chas. Urquhart, St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Caroline county.
 Wm. Stevens, Grace Church, Lexington.
 Geo. N. Johnson, Monumental Church, Richmond.
 Jno. W. Sherman, St. Thomas's Church, West Russel Parish, Bedford county.
 Geo. F. Harrison, Littleton Parish, Cumberland county.
 Raleigh Colston, Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle county.
 Joseph B. Ficklin, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
 Alfred Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.
 Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
 Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county.
 Dr. Jas. Southall, Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
 Dr. Richard C. Ambler, Leeds Parish, Fauquier county.
 Richard S. Ellis, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham county.
 John C. Apperson, St. Peter's Church, New Kent county.
 Edmund Fontaine, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover county.
 J. Ravenscroft Jones, St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county.
 C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.
 Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.
 Col. Geo. M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Richmond.

Richard H. Cunningham, St. James's Church, Culpepper county.
 Joseph Jones, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell county.
 Dabney Cosby, St. John's Church, Antrim Parish, Halifax county.
 Philip Williams, Christ Church, Winchester.
 Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas's Church, Orange county.
 Wm. B. Slaughter, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper county.
 Geo. N. Skipwith, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan county.
 Dr. Thos. Meaux, Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.
 Pike Powers, Trinity Church, Staunton.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

Rev. Mr. Norton gave notice that he would, at some convenient time during the session of this Convention, bring forward a motion relative to the formation of an Ecclesiastical Court of Appeals by the General Convention.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M., *May 20, 1852.*

The Convention assembled this morning according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop.

The Right Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., in the Chair, assisted by the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The following clergymen not present yesterday, and entitled to seats in this Convention, appeared to-day :

Rev. C. W. Andrews,	Rev. Silas D. Totten, D. D.,
" William Armstrong,	" James Rawson, D. D.,
" E. Boyden,	" Charles H. Shield,
" Lewis P. Clover,	" J. W. Woodville,
" C. B. Dana,	" D. M. Wharton,
" J. F. Hoff,	" Cornelius Walker,
" James May, D. D.,	" B. B. Leacock.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, Chairman of the Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen canonically elected as Lay Delegates to this Convention, who accordingly took their seats :

Tazewell Taylor, Christ Church, Norfolk.
 B. B. Minor, St. James's Church, Richmond.
 John N. Ashton, Sr., Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
 Hiram Chesewood, Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford county.
 Jas. O. Hawley, St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis county.
 Wm. B. Harris, St. Margaret's Church, Caroline county.
 R. E. Peyton, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier county.
 Francis K. Nelson, Walker's Parish, Albemarle county.

Robert Douthat, Western Parish, Charles City county.
 Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne county.
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford county.
 William Noland, Meade Parish, Loudoun and Fauquier counties.
 Dr. Robt. Randolph, Christ Church, Clarke county.
 Robt. C. Bonham, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
 Benj. R. Blake, St. Paul's Church Parish, Hanover, (Old Church.)
 Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church, Marshall county.
 Dr. N. M. Osborne, Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George county.
 Dr. Chas. Sturtevant, St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg county.
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.

Goodrich Durfee, of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg county, (who appeared without proper certificate to qualify him as a member of this Convention,) was, on motion, received as Lay Delegate to represent said Parish; it appearing that, though not provided with the canonical document, he yet was duly elected by his vestry.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese then read his report as follows:

BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: Through the unmerited goodness of God, which has extended our unprofitable lives to the present moment, we are permitted to assemble once more to consult for the welfare of that portion of the Christian Church with which we are connected, and by earnest prayer and faithful preaching, seek to draw down upon us the divine blessing, and thus to edify each other. One of the means appointed for the improvement of this season, is the narrative on the part of the Bishops of such labors as God may have enabled them to perform during the past year; to be followed by a similar one on the part of each brother in the ministry. To such duty I now proceed.

So soon as I was sufficiently recovered from a sickness which disqualified me for a portion of the duties, and deprived me of some of the spiritual privileges of the last Convention, I commenced my summer visitation, and spending a day in Charlottesville, confirmed three persons. Thence proceeding to the congregation in Charles City County, spent a day in each, confirming seven in the lower church. A renewal of my sickness prevented the fulfilment of an appointment in New Kent. I was, however, through the goodness of God, enabled to fulfil that made at Old Church, Hanover county, where seven persons were also confirmed. Passing on to Tappahannock, I tarried a day at Old Augustus Church, King William county, and at St. Paul's in Essex, but had no special duties to perform at either of them. At Tappahannock I found a very neat and comfortable house of worship, ready for consecration; seven persons desiring confirmation. In this place I spent two days, during which there were frequent and interesting services, in which myself and several of the brethren took part. My labors were again interrupted by sickness, and I was reluctantly compelled to forego the pleasure of fulfilling my appointments in Middlesex and Lancaster counties. Those in Richmond and Westmoreland, were fulfilled. At the church in Nomini, of the latter county, four were confirmed. I spent two days also at St. Paul's, in King George county, which was and has been for some years, without a minister. Two days were spent at Port Royal, in Caroline county, where three were confirmed. I also spent a day at Old Vauter's Church, in Essex county, where seven were confirmed. Also a day at Grace Church, Caroline

county, where five were confirmed. The next appointment was in Fredericksburg, where I spent the Sabbath preceding our Annual Commencement at the Theological Seminary and High School, and where four were confirmed. While attending the closing services at the Seminary and High School, I held a confirmation in Christ Church, Alexandria, and administered the rite to four persons. As usual, I held an ordination on that occasion, at which the following persons were admitted to Deacon's Orders: W. G. Hawkins, B. B. Leacock, John Hubbard, and Wm. H. Huckell.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Bedell, of New York, one of the Alumni of the Institution, and who, after the example of his deceased father, has ever taken a lively interest in our Seminary. A great increase of interest was added to our services on this occasion by the consecration to the office of Bishop of our beloved missionary brother from Africa, one of the Alumni of our Seminary. In the consecration of Bishop Payne I was aided by my brother Bishops, Lee, of Delaware, and Eastburn, of Massachusetts, and Bishop Johns. Bishop Eastburn preached the sermon on the occasion. I shall ever look back to the performance of this act as among the highest privileges of my life. I thank God for all the intercourse Bishop Payne was permitted to hold with myself, the Professors, and students of our Seminary, with the clergy and people of Virginia, and may I not add for his itinerancy throughout our whole Church.

From all that I can learn, there is an universal testimony in behalf of the sweet spirit towards God and man, which breathes through all his words and actions. May his holy zeal and faithful perseverance be crowned with great success, and many be induced to go to his help. Much as we need the services of those who are gone, and are going from our Seminary to take part with him in his labors of love, I rejoice in the hope that God has thought them worthy to be called to this work.

I return from this pleasing digression, to pursue the narrative of my own poor labors, of which I may well be ashamed, not only by comparison with those just spoken of, but on other accounts. During the period in the summer usually allotted to rest at my own home, I paid a visit to the counties of Fauquier, Rappahannock, and Warren. At Salem Church, in Fauquier, I confirmed three persons; at Leeds Church, one; and on the same day admitted the Rev. Charles Ambler to Priest's Orders. In Rappahannock county I consecrated a new church at Woodville, and confirmed two persons. In Warren county, at Front Royal, I confirmed one. My fall visitation was to Western Virginia. The first duties performed were at Pillowsville and Evansville, two small villages at the western base of the Alleghany mountains. Between these, three days were spent in company with the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Weston. In the former we have six or seven communicants, who have migrated to it from the North within the last few years. A Sabbath was next spent at Morgantown, where we have three or four valuable members, and where one was confirmed. A day was also spent at Smithtown, where we have a few friends, though only one member. A day was spent at Fairmount, and two services held; at the last of which four were confirmed. This is one of the most growing places in Western Virginia. We have ten or twelve members here already, and assurances were given me that a church would be built. At Clarksburg, which, for a time, should be connected with Fairmount, I held two services, at each of which I addressed myself at some length to the friends of the Church, urging speedy efforts for a house of worship. A handsome subscription was made on the spot, and assurances given that the work should be done. Two days were spent at Weston; a church consecrated, and four persons confirmed. Two days were also devoted to Parkersburg, where eight were confirmed. From Parkersburg I visited Bellville, about fifteen miles off, where I consecrated a small, plain

church, and confirmed two persons. From Parkersburg I proceeded to Ravenswood, a small village on the Ohio, where a neat church has been put up at the expense of Mr. Fitzhugh, the owner of the land on which the village has been erected. Two days were here spent in continued services by myself and Mr. Perkins. My next appointments were at Point Pleasant and Mercer Bottom, on the Ohio. At the former place one was confirmed. It has been some years since regular services were enjoyed at these places. I next visited the congregations on the Kanawha river, four in number, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Nash, who has since left them, spending a day at each, and confirming five persons in two of them. At Charleston and the Salines, two days were spent; seven were confirmed at the former, and nine at the latter. On returning, I spent another day at Ravenswood, and consecrated the new church; also, another day at Parkersburg, being the day of thanksgiving appointed by the Church, when I supplied the place of the minister by some appropriate remarks. Ascending the Ohio, I came next to Martinsville, a new and promising village, where I consecrated a new church, and confirmed six persons. A day was also spent at Grave Creek, still higher up the Ohio, where I addressed the friends of the Church on the subject of building a house of worship, and received assurance that it should be done. My next appointments were at Wellsburg on the Ohio, and St. John's in the vicinity. Two days were devoted to them. The last appointments were in Wheeling, where thirty persons were confirmed, six in the new church of St. John's, and twenty-four in St. Matthew's. Soon after my return home, I was called on to consecrate the new church at Charlestown, Jefferson county, which had been rebuilt on the ruins of that which was burnt a few years since. At that time I also consecrated nine persons. The speedy rebuilding of this church after the loss of one which had scarcely been consecrated before it was consumed by fire, shows what may be done by active zeal in a good cause.

In the month of April of the present year, I entered again on duty by visiting two congregations in Hampshire county. In one of them—that in Romney—I confirmed five persons. On Easter Sunday, I confirmed seven in the Church at Winchester. On the following week, I visited the congregation at Upperville and Middleburg, confirming one in the former. In the same week, I visited the congregation at Salem and Warrenton. On Sunday, at the latter place, I admitted to Deacon's orders two of the Alumni of our Seminary—Dr. Stoney, of South Carolina, and Mr. Wall, from Ireland, and at the same time confirmed seven persons. I am happy to add that a new and larger Church is in the way of speedy completion in this place. The heavy rains and high waters prevented a visit to St. Stephen's Church in Fauquier county. Two days were now spent at Hay Market, where five persons were confirmed. Two days also at Brentsville, where three were confirmed. The Sabbath was given to the congregation at Centreville and Fairfax Court House, at the latter of which one was confirmed. On the first Sabbath of this month twenty-two were confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, and on the second, ten in Christ Church. I have also been enabled to perform my usual duties at the Seminary by delivering some lectures to the senior and graduating class on the duties of the Pastoral office. To this statement of visits, confirmations, ordinations, and consecrations, I add, as required by the Canon, a list of candidates for the Ministry admitted, and letters dismissory given and received. The candidates admitted during the past year are as follows: Mr. Dabney C. Davis, Mr. Archibald M. Morrison, Mr. William Wright, Mr. Thomas G. Addison, Mr. James P. Fugitt, W. M. Nelson.

I have also received, by a letter dismissory from Bishop Brownell, of Connecticut, Mr. Coville, as candidate for orders.

I have received into the Diocese of Virginia, by letter dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland, the Rev. Mr. Baker and the Rev. Mr. Kehler.

From the Diocese of New York, the Rev. Mr. Denison. From the Diocese of Kentucky, the Rev. Mr. Page. From the Diocese of Alabama, the Rev. Aristides Smith. From the Diocese of Ohio, the Rev. Mr. Tolford.

I have given letters dimissory to the Bishop of Ohio, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. McIlroy, and the Rev. R. J. Nash. To the Bishop of Kentucky, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Jones, the Rev. P. B. Nash, the Rev. J. N. Ufford. To the Bishop of Maryland, in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Caldwell, the Rev. Mr. Green, the Rev. Mr. Disbrough, and the Rev. Mr. White.

The Rev. Mr. Nelson and the Rev. Mr. Keith have also transferred their canonical relations and services to the missionary station and Bishop in China.

This account of Episcopal acts being rendered, I briefly refer to a few topics of interest in our Diocese.

1st. At the last Convention, the Bishops were requested to take some steps towards the purchase of the Female Institute at Staunton. They accordingly drew up and issued a circular, setting forth the reasons in behalf of this measure, and appointed four of our most active and suitable ministers to solicit contributions for the same, viz: the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, the Rev. Mr. Walker, the Rev. Mr. Castleman, and the Rev. Mr. Phillips. A report of their labors, and of the results thereof, will doubtless, either by themselves or a committee, be presented to the Convention.

2d. The subject of the religious instruction of our servants has from time to time been presented to the members of our Church in Episcopal addresses, or by a Conventional resolution, and not, it is hoped, without some good effect. Attention to the spiritual condition of this portion of our community is we trust on the increase. Many of our ministers faithfully devote to them a portion of their time and labors. But without the co-operation of the Laity, much will be left undone. In order to furnish aids to them in the performance of this duty, we are endeavoring to supply suitable books to be used in families. At our last Convention we recommended a volume of sermons, prepared almost entirely by ministers of the Church of Virginia, as admirably calculated for this purpose. We still continue our commendation of it. We are happy now to call your attention to another volume of lesser size, containing several excellent Catechisms for the oral instruction of servants. This has been prepared by the Rev. Mr. Hoff, and may be had in this place. Many of them I hope will be carried to their homes, by the Clergy and Laity composing this Convention, and by others in attendance, to be faithfully applied to the purposes for which they have been carefully prepared.

3d. To another subject of deepest interest I invite your special attention. You perceive, from what I have just stated, that the number of those admitted as candidates for the ministry is small—that the ministers who have gone from amongst us to other Dioceses and to the foreign missionary fields, are more in number than those who have been added to our list by ordination or by letters dimissory. The consequence of which is, the destitution of a greater number of our smaller parishes than at any previous period. This destitution presses heavily upon the minds of the Bishops, to whom applications are continually made for ministerial supplies. This care of all the churches comes indeed daily upon them, and constrains them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field. But their prayers are not all that God requires in order to the bestowment of this grace on his church. The prayers and active co-operation of all who are concerned must be zealously afforded in order to the receiving of that

great army of preachers, which from the first has been necessary to the carrying on of that warfare which seeks the subjugation of the kingdoms of this world to Christ. We fear that there is a most criminal neglect of this duty, chargeable at this time to the whole Church of Christ. The complaint of the want of ministers is universal through all our borders. Amongst all denominations in our country the proportion of ministers to the people has, for some years, been diminishing. The population of the whole land has been, indeed, for a long time, outgrowing the ministry. The Theological Seminaries all bear sad testimony to this melancholy fact. The literary institutions of our land are increasing in number and size, and are full to overflowing. The learned professions are overstocked. Gold and military glory have attractions for youth, which draw them by thousands to the fields where these perishing things are to be sought at the peril of soul and body. Christian parents, it is to be feared, are often much guilty in this respect. They cannot covet the honor of the ministry for their sons, as they ought to do, or the Lord would surely grant them their heart's desire. Is it too much to affirm, in such a time of need for young ministers, that all Christian parents should feel and say as to every man child born unto them, we give this, our child, to the service of the Lord, in his sanctuary, if the Lord shall, by blessing our prayers and instructions, make him meet for that duty? If this were done, would there be a lack of faithful ministers? Out of all the sons thus early given to the Lord, and sought to be prepared for his service, would there not be a sufficient number found meet for the work of the ministry? Would it also be too much to say, as to every young man into whose heart the converting spirit of the Lord has entered, and who feels necessarily laid upon him to unite himself to the society of the faithful, that it is his duty to look unto God and inquire, "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" Ought not all such to feel ready to give themselves up to the work of the ministry, if judicious friends, and those who are permitted to judge in this matter, should decide that there are sufficient qualifications, and if the Lord should encourage their hearts by his holy spirit to undertake the same? Surely, if there was this disposition in all young converts, we should not have such cause to mourn over the sad deficiency which now so afflicts all parts of God's Church, while all other professions would still be abundantly supplied. Let me, therefore, put it to the hearts of all Christian parents, whether they do thus seek the honor of the ministry for their children above all other things. Let me put it to the consciences of all Christian ministers, whether they do their duty in placing this question before the hearts of parents and sons as they ought to do, both in public discourses and private intercourse. I put it to the souls of all young men in the Church, whether they have deeply considered what is the path of duty for them towards that Savior who has redeemed them, and towards those for whom he died. Let me remind ministers, parents, and all others, whose duty it is to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more and faithful laborers into the ministry, that according to the testimony of all history, if proper means be not adopted to obtain, in sufficient numbers, men of God—pastors after God's own heart—for the work, God will permit such as shall cause the people to err to occupy the field and destroy the harvest. Ministers, sooner or later, there will be of some sort. If faithful ones do not engage in the work, mere hirelings will do it. If sound minded men, preaching the true gospel, do not undertake it, heretical ones, preaching another Gospel—the true Gospel perverted—will certainly do it. In no age or country has there been for long time a want of ministers of some sort. Nature abhors a vacuum. Air, either pure or impure, will rush in. Either weeds or herbs will fill up the vacant soil of this earth. So it is with the Church of God. The pulpits will be supplied, the ordinances will be adminis-

tered, the prayers will be offered up, either by the worthy or unworthy. Let all the Churches of our Lord take heed to this, and adopt the most effective measures for a full supply of faithful, zealous, and intelligent ministers. I submit it especially to the consideration of this Convention, whether some resolution might not be adopted at its present session, which might, by God's blessing, help to enforce the duty now referred to on the hearts of our ministers and people.

While thus lamenting over the inadequate supply of ministers, and great backwardness on the part of parents and their sons to covet the honor and blessedness of the sacred office, I should be ungrateful to the Great Head of the Church not to acknowledge His goodness in pouring out on the hearts of the young men now at our Seminary, and on others who have been there trained up for the ministry, such a missionary spirit as has constrained a number of them to forsake country, parents, friends, and many earthly comforts, and to go to far distant lands to preach the Gospel of Christ. We desire to cherish this spirit in still more of them; and would that we were able to meet all the demands made on our Seminary from various parts of our own land. So far as God may have used our Institution for the purpose of watering others, we desire to bless him for the honor, and pray that in answer to the prayers of those thus watered, ourselves may be refreshed by the dews of Heaven.

4th. It is due to living worth as well as to the memory of a deceased sister in the Lord, to record in this document an act of testamentary beneficence and the prompt execution of the same by her legatee. Mrs. Elizabeth Sophia Jones, of Prince William County, a most sincere follower of Christ, and an attached member of our Church, was removed during the last winter from the Church on earth to her resting place with Christ. By her will, she left to my disposal, for sacred purposes, fifty shares of stock in the Bank of Virginia, and eight hundred and fifty dollars of Virginia State Stock. Her son, Mr. W. J. Downman, of Lancaster county, with a readiness and a filial piety which are in striking contrast with the conduct of some in times past, has taken steps for the transfer of the same, although, through the peculiarity of our Virginia code, that portion of the will is void in law. A younger sister may still claim, if reaching the legal age, a moiety of this bequest, and I shall therefore give a refunding bond for the same, and leave it untouched, without the slightest apprehension that the child of such a mother, and the sister of such a brother, will ever do otherwise than follow their example, and consummate their acts. Let me also add, that Mrs Jones did not, like too many, postpone her charities to a dying hour. She was always liberal to the institutions of the Church and to objects of charity while living, and she was so without ostentation. As an instance, let me mention that, some years since, I received from her ten shares of Bank stock for our Theological Seminary, with a request that the donor be not known. That which I was not permitted to publish while she existed, I may surely now declare for the example of others.

5th. I cannot conclude this address without referring with feelings of gratitude to the act of the last Convention, which has enabled me, without pecuniary embarrassment, to rebuild my residence which had been consumed by fire. By means of such help, at the end of one year I was enabled, together with those composing my family, to enter on a new and much better dwelling place than that which had been destroyed. Although there were many associations connected with that which has past away, and which cannot easily be forgotten, yet the thought of the source to which I am indebted for the latter will ever endear it to my heart. This, however, is only one of innumerable kindnesses received from friends and brothers throughout the Diocese of Virginia, which serve as ties to bind

my heart to them, and which, when I shall be unable to go in and out among them as at present, will be sources of grateful and pleasing remembrance.

And now, praying that the Holy Spirit may preside over our deliberations, and may bless all the religious exercises of this occasion, I remain your friend and brother in Christ,

WILLIAM MEADE.

The Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop, next read his report, as follows :

BISHOP JOHNS'S REPORT.

During the Convention at Staunton, I addressed the congregation assembled in Trinity Church on the mornings of the 22d and 24th of May, and on the latter of these occasions I confirmed twelve persons. May 25th, in the afternoon, I addressed the Missionary meeting, and at night preached the sermon at the close of the Convention. 27th, I preached in St. Paul's, Albemarle, and confirmed three persons; at night I preached in Christ's Church, Charlottesville. 28th, I preached in the Church at Buck Mountain. 29th, I preached in Walker's Church. My appointment for the next morning at St. John's, Louisa, was withdrawn, that I might pass on immediately to Richmond, and be in readiness to meet certain appointments of Bishop Meade, who was detained at Staunton by sickness.

June 1st, I was engaged to officiate at St. Johns, Richmond, but as the repairs of the Church were not completed, the building was not in a condition to be occupied; the service was postponed. 8th, I preached in Williamsburg, and confirmed seven persons. 15th, I preached in Beaver Dam Church, Goochland, and confirmed three persons. 16th, I preached in St. Paul's, Goochland, and confirmed three persons. 17th, I preached in Immanuel's Church, Powhatan, and confirmed two. 18th, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed three. 19th, I preached in Grace Church, Genito. 20th, Preached in the same Church. 21st, I consecrated Trinity Church, Chesterfield; the sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. Berkeley, Fisher, and Webb; sermon by myself. 22d, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed one person. From Chesterfield I proceeded to meet two appointments which Bishop Meade was prevented from fulfilling—one at Grace Church, Petersburg, the other at Hicksford. As the new building for the congregation at Grace Church, was not out of the contractor's hands, the consecration was postponed. 24th, I preached at Hicksford, and confirmed seven persons. 29th, I preached in the College Chapel at Williamsburg.

July 6th, At St. Peters, New Kent, I fulfilled an appointment for Bishop Meade; preached and confirmed three persons. 10th, In St. Paul's, Alexandria, I assisted Bishop Meade in the ordination services, and admitted the Rev. C. Keith, and the Rev. G. McK. Calloway, to Priest's Orders. 11th, In St. Paul's, Alexandria, I assisted in the consecration of the Rt. Rev. John Payne, D. D. 18th, I preached in the Church at Leesburg. 19th, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed three persons. 20th, I preached in Immanuel Church, Middleburg, and confirmed three persons. 21st, I preached in Trinity Church, Upperville, and confirmed one person. 23d, At Millwood I baptized the Rector's daughter, and after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, I addressed the congregation. 25th, I preached at Middletown, and confirmed one person. 27th, The morning appointment at Christ Church, Winchester, was interfered with by the unfavorable weather; at night, however, I officiated, and confirmed one person. 29th, I preached at Martinsburg, and confirmed seven persons. 30th and 31st, I was prevented by rain from reaching Hedgesville.

August 1st, I preached at Smithfield, and laid the corner stone of a new Church, since completed. 2d, I preached at Shepherdstown, and confirmed five persons. 3d, I preached in the same Church, and admitted the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Jr., and the Rev. J. Campbell White to Priest's Orders; the morning service was read by the Rev. D. F. Sprigg, the candidates were presented by the Rev. C. W. Andrews. 4th, I preached at Harper's Ferry, and confirmed seventeen persons. 5th, I preached at Charlestown and confirmed eleven persons. 6th, I preached at Wickliffe and confirmed five persons. 7th, I preached at Grace Church, Berryville, and confirmed three persons. 16th, I preached at "Jordan's Spring." 17th, I preached at Hedgesville. 18th, I preached in the morning in the same Church and confirmed ten persons. At night, after the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Sprigg, I addressed the congregation. 24th, in Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware, I preached, morning and afternoon.

September 7th, I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore. 16th, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown, morning and night. 21st, I preached in Christ Church, Washington. 28th, I preached in Williamsburg.

October 12th and 19th, I preached in Williamsburg. 26th, at St. John's, Richmond, I preached and confirmed five persons. 28th, I consecrated Grace Church, Petersburg. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Stringfellow; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Norwood. On the same occasion I confirmed eleven persons. In February, 1843, I consecrated the frame building in which this congregation commenced their public services. It affords cause of gratitude to find that in less than nine years they have attained a size and strength requiring a larger house of worship, and enabling them to provide for themselves a Church more eligibly situated, and in dimensions, style, and material, appropriately expressive of the prosperity with which God has blessed them. October 30th, I preached at Ca Ira. 31st, I preached at Curdsville.

November 2d, I preached at Trinity, Bedford, and confirmed three persons. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Sale, was detained at home by sickness, and I regreted to learn, by a letter from him, that the nature of his affection was such as to render it necessary for him to discontinue his services in this and the other congregations with which it was connected. The night of the same day I preached in Lynchburg.

November 3d, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Messrs. G. Wilmer and Kinsolving; sermon by myself. It is due to this congregation to record the fact, that the large and beautiful building which they have erected for the worship of Almighty God was entirely paid for before its consecration. The same night I preached and confirmed twenty persons.

November 4th, I preached at Campbell Court House. 5th, I preached at St. John's, Campbell, and confirmed three persons. From this church a conveyance was kindly furnished by Mr. Punnell to his residence on Staunton river, and after receiving his hospitalities for the night, he sent me on the next day to Pittsylvania Court House. 7th, In the morning, I preached, and at night addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lee, of the Diocese of North Carolina.

November 9th, I preached at Henry Court House and confirmed four. 10th, I preached again in the same Church. 12th, I preached at Danville. 13th, I preached in the same Church and confirmed eighteen persons. 15th, I preached at St. John's Church, Halifax Court House, in the morning, and addressed the congregation at night after the Rev. Mr. Clark. 16th, I preached in the same Church and confirmed five persons;

again at night addressed the congregation after the Rev. Mr. Clark. 17th, I preached at Catwba Church. 18th, I preached at the Brick Church. 20th, I preached at St. Paul's, Lunenburg. 21st, I preached at St. John's, Lunenburg. 22d, I preached at the City Church. 23d, I preached at Boynton. 24th, I preached at Clarksville and confirmed three. 25th, The rain prevented the congregation from assembling at St. Andrews. 26th, I preached at St. Luke's and confirmed three persons. The five churches in Mecklenburg are vacant, the Rev. F. McGuire having been under the necessity of resigning the congregations under his care on account of his ill health.

December 7th, I preached at Williamsburg. 18th, in the Church in Williamsburg I admitted the Rev. P. G. Roberts to Priest's Orders; the service was read by the Rev. Mr. Withers; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Minnigerode. Both united in the imposition of hands. 21st, I preached in Williamsburg.

My services during the winter may be summarily stated, and yet with sufficient distinctness for the purpose of this report

For more than a year past the Church in Williamsburg has unhappily been vacant, and the supply of the pulpit has, unavoidably, devolved on Dr. Totten and myself. I have preached there on Sunday, and also lectured on Wednesday, during Lent.

In College, on Sunday afternoons, I have conducted a class engaged in Biblical History; three days of the week, I have been occupied in a course on Moral Philosophy; and every Wednesday on Natural Theology. The course on Moral Philosophy is confined to the senior class; the recitations on the Bible, and on Natural Theology, are attended by all the students.

In addition to these regular services, I have officiated elsewhere as follows:

February 18th and 19th, in St. Paul's, and in the Monumental Church, Richmond, after other clergy, I addressed the respective congregations.

March 3d, Before the usual hour for service, I confirmed a sick person, and afterwards preached in St. Paul's, Petersburg, and confirmed twelve persons. In the afternoon, I addressed the congregation in Grace Church, and confirmed eleven persons. At night, I preached again in St. Paul's.

April 2d, I went to Norfolk to engage there, and in the vicinity, in the special services of the season. 4th, I preached, in the morning, in St. John's, Portsmouth, and confirmed eight persons. In the afternoon, I preached at Trinity Church, and confirmed one person. 5th, I preached in Kempville, and confirmed one person. 6th, I preached in the other Church of the same Parish, and at night lectured in Norfolk. 7th, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk. 8th, I preached, in the morning, in Trinity, Portsmouth, and at night, in St. Paul's, Norfolk. 9th, Good Friday, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and at night in St. Paul's. 11th, Easter Sunday, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed fifty-five persons; at night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed twenty-seven persons. 12th, I preached at Hampton, and confirmed three persons. 29th, I left home to visit the Churches on the Eastern Shore, and, on my way, preached in the Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort, and confirmed six persons.

May 2d. I preached, in the morning, at Drummondstown, and at night at Onancock. This parish is still vacant. 3d, I preached at Pungoteague. 4th, I preached in St. Michael's, Bellhaven, and confirmed five. 5th, I preached in Hungar's Church, and confirmed seven, two of whom were from St. Michael's Church. 6th, I preached at Eastville. 7th, on my return, I preached at Hampton, and confirmed six. 16th, I preached in Williamsburg.

so as to intersect Oak Grove and Bon Brook, and to be constituted a New Parish under the style of Leighton Parish ;

Also a report on an application from friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Pleasants county, praying to be admitted into connection with the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of St. John's Parish, with the limits of said county as their boundary line ;

Also a report on an application from the friends of the Church in Jackson county, praying to be admitted in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of Ravenswood Parish, with the boundaries of the said county as their limits ; recommending that the prayers of the several petitions be granted.

On motion, the said Parishes were admitted as recommended by the Committee.

The following proposed amendments to Canon 12 were read, and on motion referred to a Special Committee, to wit :

Amendment, No. 1.—To amend the title of said Canon by adding after the word "Congregations," "and New Parishes "

Amendment No. 2.—Whenever any number of persons, not residing in any existing parish, shall desire to form a new parish, they shall appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Amendment No. 3.—The committee so appointed, shall present a petition to the Convention, setting forth the boundaries of the proposed parish, and requesting that such new parish may be formed in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties of other parishes of the Diocese.

Amendment No. 4.—If the Convention shall form such parish, the vestrymen shall be elected as prescribed by the 4th and 5th sections of Canon 11.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the committee :

Rev. J. F. Hoff,
Philip Williams,

Rev. Dr. May,
Tazewell Taylor.

On motion, the application from members of Botetourt Parish, to form a new parish within the limits of Roanoke county, under the name of Salem Parish, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, chairman of the committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, of Rockingham Parish, Rockingham county, as duly elected ; and that gentleman appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial from this Convention to His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, requesting him to recommend a day for Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of His merciful providence.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolution to the several religious denominations in the State, and ask their concurrence in the measure.

Committee on Finance :

Tazewell Taylor,

R. H. Cunningham,

R. N. Johnson.

The Parochial Reports were called for, and referred to the Committee on Parochial Reports.

Rev. C. B. Dana, President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, read the report of their proceedings for the past year.

A petition for the formation of a new Parish in Rockingham county, was received and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

A petition for the division of Littleton Parish was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

A petition from Ravenswood Parish, Jackson county, praying for admission into this Diocese, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes ; also a like petition from St. John's Parish, Pleasants county.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted in reference to the Virginia Bible Society :

Resolved, That this Convention regards with undiminished interest and confidence the objects and conduct of the Bible Society of Virginia, and cordially recommend it to the co-operation of every Parish in the Diocese.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Female Institute at Staunton, was referred to the following Special Committee :

Rev. Mr. Walker,

John Chewning,

" Mr. Mann,

Wm. Noland.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the want of Ministers, was referred to the following Special Committee :

Rev. Mr. Armstrong,

T. N. Burwell,

" Dr. Packard,

Edward Valentine.

" Mr. Andrews,

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend Divine service.

After service the Convention again assembled.

Rev. Mr. Wilmer, Chairman of the Committee on New Parishes, made a report on the application from members of the Church in Rockingham county, declaring their attachment to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and praying to be admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under the name of Rockingham Parish, and to be bounded by the limits of said county ;

Also a report on an application from members and friends comprising the congregation of St. James' Church, in Cumberland county, praying to be separated from Lytleton Parish, Cumberland county, by a line commencing upon the boundary line of the counties of Cumberland and Powhatan, and drawn across the county of Cumberland to the Buckingham county line,

so as to intersect Oak Grove and Bon Brook, and to be constituted a New Parish under the style of Leighton Parish ;

Also a report on an application from friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Pleasants county, praying to be admitted into connection with the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of St. John's Parish, with the limits of said county as their boundary line ;

Also a report on an application from the friends of the Church in Jackson county, praying to be admitted in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, under the style of Ravenswood Parish, with the boundaries of the said county as their limits ; recommending that the prayers of the several petitions be granted.

On motion, the said Parishes were admitted as recommended by the Committee.

The following proposed amendments to Canon 12 were read, and on motion referred to a Special Committee, to wit :

Amendment, No. 1.—To amend the title of said Canon by adding after the word "Congregations," "and New Parishes "

Amendment No. 2.—Whenever any number of persons, not residing in any existing parish, shall desire to form a new parish, they shall appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Amendment No. 3.—The committee so appointed, shall present a petition to the Convention, setting forth the boundaries of the proposed parish, and requesting that such new parish may be formed in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties of other parishes of the Diocese.

Amendment No. 4.—If the Convention shall form such parish, the vestrymen shall be elected as prescribed by the 4th and 5th sections of Canon 11.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen as the committee :

Rev. J. F. Hoff,
Philip Williams,

Rev. Dr. May,
Tazewell Taylor.

On motion, the application from members of Botetourt Parish, to form a new parish within the limits of Roanoke county, under the name of Salem Parish, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, chairman of the committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, of Rockingham Parish, Rockingham county, as duly elected ; and that gentleman appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial from this Convention to His Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, requesting him to recommend a day for Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth, and all the other blessings of His merciful providence.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolution to the several religious denominations in the State, and ask their concurrence in the measure.

The Chair appointed the following committee under the foregoing resolution :

Rev. Messrs. Tyng,	Mr. W. B. Harrison,
“ Norwood,	“ Tazewell Taylor,
“ Andrews,	“ Ed. Fontaine.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, *May 21, 1852.*

The Convention met this morning, the Right Rev. Bishop Meade in the chair.

Proceedings were commenced with prayer by the Right Rev. Bishop Johns.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings were then read, and the following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared to day and took their seats as members of the Convention.

Rev. George D. Cummins,	Rev. H. W. L. Temple,
“ G. W. Dame,	“ O. A. Kinsolving,
“ R. H. Phillips,	“ G. McK. Calloway.

The Rev. Mr. Castleman, from the Committee on Lay Delegates, reported William H. Fowle, of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria; Richard Anderson, St. James' Parish, Powhatan county; and Arthur Temple, South Farnham Parish, Essex county, as canonically elected as delegates from said Church and Parishes, who appeared and took their seats.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the tender to this Convention, by R. G. Scott, Esq., of the City of Richmond, a visitor of William and Mary College, for distribution, of an edition (published by him) of “a discourse on the death of General Washington, late President of the United States,” delivered on the 22d of February, 1800, in the Church in Williamsburg, by James Madison, D. D., be accepted, and the thanks of the Convention returned to him for the same.

A petition from members of Meade Parish, for a division of the same, was received, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes

Agreeably to notice the following resolutions were offered, and referred to a Special Committee to consider the same and report to the next Convention :

Whereas, a Canon was proposed in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at its last session, providing for the institution of a Supreme Court of Appeals, to determine questions of law, upon proper appeal from the Ecclesiastical authority of any Diocese; and whereas, this Convention believes such appellate tribunal, organized upon just principles, would tend to promote the best interests of our Zion; and whereas, it was decided by the House of Deputies, that the subject was of importance, and should be referred to the next General Convention; and whereas, it may be supposed

the national legislature of our Church will be somewhat influenced in its judgment by an expression of the known wants of their constituents; therefore—

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, a Supreme Court of Appeals for deciding questions of law arising in Diocesan judicatories, is needed, and that the want of such tribunal is a marked deficiency in our otherwise admirable and republican system of Church government.

Resolved, That as a natural consequence of the absence of some general judicial review of mooted law points arising in various Dioceses, the legislation of the General Convention has assumed to some extent the form of *special* enactment, tending to change the nature of our great law-making authority, and to substitute for its legitimate functions the exercise of powers judicial in effect.

Resolved, That an important principle of all free governments forbids the vesting of legislative and judicial powers in the same hands; and as such combinations of functions in the same man or body of men is in civil governments deemed tyrannical, it cannot be safe in ecclesiastical politics, because experience has shown that ecclesiastics may run the same career of ambition and despotism as that pursued by other men.

Resolved, That while we have no disposition to dictate a course of conduct for our delegates to the General Convention, neither do we express any opinion with regard to the precise organization of the supreme tribunal, yet we cannot but hope that a just and effective scheme may be presented and adopted for remedying the defect referred to; and we cannot but express our earnest solicitude, that those who have been constituted proper authorities for regulating the important matter, may be so guided in their deliberations and furthered in their efforts, that the rights, liberties, and privileges of all within our borders may be secured from the evils of injustice and oppression.

The Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop in the chair, appointed the following Committee :

Rev. Dr. Sparrow,	Wm. H. Macfarland,
“ Mr. Grammer,	Philip Williams,
“ Mr. Norton,	Cassius F. Lee.

The Rev. Mr. Norton, on his motion, was excused from further attendance at this Convention.

Bishop Meade laid before the Convention the following letter from Bishop Boone, of the China mission :

SHANGHAI, February 11, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: I have received with great pleasure, and with many thanks to God, the welcome accession from your Diocese. Our friends are so full of simple, warmed-heart piety, that their arrival has been a great refreshment to us all. It was so ordered of God that they came to us on Christmas day, which we accepted as a happy augury for their future destiny here, it being the day of greatest thanksgiving in the whole year. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. Keith are domiciliated with me, and a most happy household we are, through God's blessing. I have just been obliged to send my dear wife home for her health, and she has taken our children with her, so that the presence of our friends from Virginia is peculiarly acceptable. Mrs. Nelson is so kind as to relieve me of the cares of housekeeping. They are making good progress in the language, and I trust will be able to preach before the end of the year.

I have to thank you also for the very liberal aid extended to our female school at the Jubilee collection. I trust you will convey to the whole Diocese the hearty thanks of

myself and of the whole mission, for the handsome collection made in aid of this excellent work. Miss Jones is now living in a part of the house, with a small company of very nice little girls around her. The whole building will be completed in a few weeks, and I trust by God's blessing we shall have a flourishing girl's school before the end of the year.

Thanks to our Heavenly Father our work progresses. I have recently received two applications to become candidates for the ministry, from two very worthy natives: one a youth of twenty-one, who is just leaving our school; the other a man of fifty years, who has been a very consistent Christian for three years, and who declares, in a very simple and heart-touching manner, his desire to tell his countrymen of the Savior. When I inquired of him a few days since why he wished to become a Deacon, he answered: "I was as one dead until I heard of Jesus; now I am alive, and I want to tell others of him that *they* may live too." Chai, our native Deacon, is a great comfort to us, he is respected by all his countrymen who know him. I have had many of them tell me he is the best man they ever knew, and I have never heard a word said against him. He promises to become an excellent preacher, with more experience.

I am prevented from preaching in the city by my nervous affection; it affects my head, spine, and heart, so that my physicians are afraid of the excitement of preaching in a large Church, but God is very merciful to me, so that I am able to teach daily in our school chapel, I hope with some good success.

Pray for us, my dear brother, our work is very great, and truly the instrumentality is weak.

Remember me very affectionately to my old classmates, your son Richard, and my good brother Hoff, who is with you at Millwood, and believe me, with much veneration and sincere affection, truly, yours in the Lord,

Rt. Rev. BISHOP MEADE,

WM. J. BOONE.

Millwood, Clarke county, Va.

The Convention then took a recess till after Divine service.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his annual account, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves the course of many of its members in forming themselves into convocations for continuous preaching, and for the purposes ordinarily contemplated in such organizations; and that we do recommend to those of the clergy who have not yet adopted this practice, to unite in convocations whenever it may be practicable.

On motion, it was ordered that the next Convention be held in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, on the third Wednesday in May next.

Ordered, that Wheeling hereafter be one of the regular places for the meetings of the Convention of this Diocese, to follow after the sessions in Richmond.

Leave of absence is granted to Dr. Thomas Meaux, the Lay Delegate from Grubb Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.

The Convention then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 9 o'CLOCK, A. M., *May 22, 1852.*

The Convention assembled this morning at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns.

The Rev. Mr. Woodbridge, from the Committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following report :

The committee on the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report that they have examined the amounts of the Treasurer, and find them correct, and sustained by the proper vouchers.

They earnestly desire to impress upon the Convention the necessity of sustaining this society by liberal contributions. They annex the report of the executive committee of the society.

GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Diocesan Missionary Society to the Convention for the past year.

The Executive Committee beg leave respectfully to report that they have appropriated during the past year, to the Rev. Mr. Wilcoxon, in the Isle of Wight, \$140; to the Rev. S. D. Tompkins, of Weston, \$95; to the Rev. Wm. N. Irish, of Middletown, Frederick county, \$150; to the Rev. A. Weed, \$150; to the Rev. James J. Page, of Richmond city, \$500, (to be paid out of the city collections;) to the Rev. Mr. Wheat, officiating at Port Republic and Harrisonburg, \$100; to the Rev. Mr. Perkins, at Parkersburg, \$140; to the Rev. Wm. McGuire, Westmoreland, \$95; to the Rev. H. Stringfellow, jr., at Harper's Ferry, \$95; to the Rev. J. C. McCabe, \$90; to the Rev. Mr. Hyland, for past missionary services to the 1st of April, \$80, and from that time \$100; to the Rev. Mr. Tizzard, in Chesterfield, \$95; to the Rev. Mr. Slack, in Albemarle, \$100; to the Rev. L. P. Clover, Lexington, \$100.

Besides these, the Executive Committee have consented to become the almoner, and to disburse the appropriations made by Christ Church, Norfolk, to certain stations within the Diocese; and to take the missionaries at those stations into their service. At present these are the Rev. Mr. Walker, of Lynnhaven Parish, and the Rev. Mr. McCabe, at Hampton.

The Executive Committee earnestly desire to impress upon the members of this Convention the necessity of extending liberal aid to this society. They, perhaps from their position, can see the good which is accomplished better than others. But surely they need not expatiate upon its importance. The Convention, and friends of the Church, must see that no object can present superior if equal claims. And the committee would merely advert to the fact that they have been frequently, for the want of adequate means, under the painful necessity for the last two or three years of making smaller appropriations than their feelings would prompt.

The Rev. John P. McGuire, from the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, made the following report :

Widows' and Orphans' Fund in the Diocese of Virginia, in account with J. L. BACON, W. H. HUBBARD, and THOMAS NELSON, Trustees.

1851.

July 24. To cash paid John Stewart, Esq., Treasurer..... \$382 80

1852.

Jan. 29. To cash paid John Stewart, Esq., Treasurer..... 382 80

\$765 60

1851.	CREDIT.	
July 24.	By cash received of Farmers' Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 21 shares.....	\$84 00
	By cash received of Exchange Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 74 shares.....	296 00
	By cash received of Bank of Virginia, semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on 1 share.....	2 80
1852.		<hr/> \$382 80
Jan. 29.	By receipt of a like semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. on each of the above named.....	382 80
		<hr/> \$765 60

The Committee have examined the within account, and find it correct.

J. P. McGUIRE, *Chairman.*

The Rev. C. B. Dana, on behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and the High School, made the following report:

REPORT

Of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and Episcopal High School of Virginia.

The trustees of these institutions of the Church, respectfully report to the Convention, that the Theological Seminary under their care has, with the blessing of Heaven, continued to prosper during the past year. It is believed that the Professors have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and the students diligent in attending to those studies and other exercises, which are necessary to prepare them for becoming efficient and useful ministers in the Church of God.

The present number of students is thirty, which, though less than it has sometimes been, is greater than during the last two preceding years. In these days of excitement, toil, and strife, when men are "making haste to be rich," and aiming at earthly distinction and prosperity, we have special reason to pray that the great Head of the Church, "the Shepherd and Bishop of souls," will raise up many able and faithful ministers of His word and sacraments; that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers into His harvest;" and that to this end, He will richly bless this "School of the Prophets," and make it an abundant perennial fountain, "whose streams shall make glad the city of our God."

But much as the Diocese has done in establishing and sustaining this Institution, (for it is chiefly a monument of her liberality,) it still requires fostering care and considerable effort to make it all that it is desirable it should be, and to put it, free from embarrassment, on a permanent foundation.

The amount of its vested funds is now about \$62,000, which will be somewhat increased when the remaining subscriptions, made a few years since, shall be entirely paid.

A society has been recently formed for the improvement and embellishment of the Seminary grounds, which has already commenced its labors under favorable auspices, and with encouraging prospects of success.

The High School, under the efficient management and thorough instruction of its Principal and his assistants, is in a very flourishing condition. Its advantages for an extensive and thorough course of instruction are certainly great, while from its rural situ-

ation and its proximity to the Seminary, its pupils are removed from many temptations, and enjoy, in some respects, peculiarly favorable moral and religious privileges. Long may it remain an honor to the cause of sound learning, and a blessing to the Church and Diocese!

The reports of the several Professors of the Seminary, and of the Rector of the High School, which are subjoined, will exhibit more particularly the condition of their respective departments. All which is respectfully submitted.

Report of the Professor of Church History and Church Polity.

To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:

The usual studies of the classes have been pursued to this date. The senior class have followed the annual course in the History of the Church of England and in Ecclesiastical Polity, and are now engaged on the subject of the Liturgy. The composition and delivery of sermons have also had regular attention.

With the middle class the usual course in the general history of the Church has been attentively pursued. Both classes are now ready for review.

Respectfully submitted,

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 17, 1852.

JAMES MAY.

To the Trustees of the Theological Seminary

of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia:

The three classes in the Seminary have pursued with me the usual studies of the department of the Evidences of Christianity and Systematic Divinity. It is not necessary at this time to enumerate the Text-books, or specify more particularly the subjects. I have great satisfaction, however, in saying that the students have never, in any previous year of my connection with the Institution, been more unfailing in their attendance in the class room, or more diligent in preparing for its duties.

Respectfully submitted,

May 17, 1852.

W. SPARROW.

Report of the Professor of Biblical Literature.

The subscriber has, in substance, the same report to make as in preceding years. No change has been made in the routine of his duties. The classes under his instruction have manifested satisfactory diligence, and have made the usual progress.

As Librarian, he would report that about thirty volumes have been added to the library during the past year, and more have been ordered. The appropriation and interest of the Betts' legacy, amounting to \$124 82, have been recently received, and a portion of it expended.

A catalogue of the library has been prepared according to the request of the Trustees. It will fill about one hundred octavo printed pages, and the cost of printing it will be about one hundred dollars. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of the Diocese of Virginia:

The Rector of the High School respectfully begs leave to present his seventh annual report.

The ninth session of the School commenced on the 10th September, and will terminate on the 14th July, 1852. The course of study, order, and arrangements continue, without any material changes, as previously reported. In addition to the two ancient languages, French and German are studied by many of the pupils. Instruction in vocal

music has been given to the whole school, by one of the officers skilled in teaching that science. The Rector spends daily from four to six hours in giving instruction in ancient languages, &c. Four gentlemen, all of whom are communicants of the Church, are employed as assistant instructors. The domestic department continues to be directed, as heretofore, by two ladies of judgment and experience in their respective offices.

The number of students at one period of the session, reached eighty-five. At present it is eighty-one, three of whom are preparing to enter the Theological Seminary of our Church. Were it deemed judicious to increase the accommodations, or to extend the limit fixed for the number of students, more than one hundred could readily be obtained. The school's prospects continue encouraging. The attention of the students to the religious exercises of the school has been highly gratifying. The *voluntary* religious services continue as hitherto, to be attended by all the pupils, with but three or four exceptions in the case of the youngest boys. The deportment of the students has been, on the whole, most satisfactory—not a single case of expulsion, dismissal, or severe discipline, having occurred for now more than three years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWARD, May 17, 1852.

E. A. DALRYMPLE, *Rector*.

The Rev. Mr. Dana, from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, presented a report, as follows:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Treasurer, Washington C. Page, Esq., of Alexandria, the following statement in reference to the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to submit to the Convention, as their report. They have examined this statement and found it to be correct, and believe the fund to be safely invested and judiciously managed.

The lamented death of the late Louis A. Cazenove has created a vacancy in the Trustees of this fund, which the committee recommend should now be filled by the election of William H. Fowle, Esq., whom they take the liberty of nominating to the Convention for this office.

WM. H. MACFARLAND,	CHARLES B. DANA,
GEORGE N. JOHNSON,	WILLIAM M. JACKSON,
JAMES SOUTHALL,	WILLIAM NORWOOD.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last convention, he has purchased with the money received for dividends, eight shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, for which he paid one hundred and four dollars and fifty cents per share, making eight hundred and thirty six dollars, leaving in his hands a balance of thirty-nine dollars, as per statement, viz:

Dividends received on thirty-nine shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock,	\$312 00
Dividends received on sixty shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock.	480 00
Dividends received on ten shares of Bank of the Valley stock.....	90 00
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	\$882 00

CHARGES.

To cash paid the Trustees for money advanced last year.....	\$7 00
To cash paid for eight shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock	
a \$104 50.....	836 00
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	\$843 00
Balance in hand.....	<hr/>
	\$99 00

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The Episcopal Fund now consists of—

60 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, par value.....	\$6,000 00
47 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, par value.....	4,700 00
10 shares of Bank of the Valley stock, par value.....	1,000 00
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	\$11,700 00
Cash on hand.....	39 00
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	\$11,739 00
Amount of the fund last year.....	10,900 00
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Increase.....	\$839 00

The certificates of stock held by the Trustees of this fund, now stand in the name of W. C. Page, L. A. Cazenove, and C. F. Lee, the survivors or survivor of them, for the sole use and benefit of such survivors or survivor, as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 17, 1852.

WASH. C. PAGE, *Treasurer.*

The report was accepted and adopted; and, on motion, William H. Fowle was elected a Trustee of the Episcopal Fund.

An application was made by members and friends of the Episcopal Church, in the adjoining parishes of St. James, and St. Luke, in the county of Mecklenburg, requesting that the boundary line between said parishes may be changed from its present position to run as follows: Commencing at Berry's bridge on Meherrin river; thence along Cox's road to Butcher's creek bridge; thence down Butcher's creek to its mouth; thence down Roanoke river to the mouth of Nutbush creek; thence up Nutbush creek to the line dividing North Carolina from Virginia.

The Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee on New Parishes, made the following report, which, on motion, was concurred in:

Application from members and friends of the Church in Roanoke county, praying to be separated from Botetourt parish, and to be constituted a new parish, under the style of Salem Parish, with the boundaries of said Roanoke county as its limits. Committee recommend the granting of this application.

Application from the Vestry and friends of the Church in Meade Parish, praying for a division of the same. Committee cannot recommend the granting of the application, and on the ground that the canonical requirements have not been complied with; and they have before them no sufficient evidence of any necessity for departing from the letter of the law.

RICHARD H. WILMER, *Chairman.*

Which report was, on motion, adopted, and the parish first named, admitted under the style of Salem Parish.

The Rev. D. Sparrow, from the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report:

The Committee on the state of the Church, in making their annual report to Convention, must always necessarily feel, that their task is somewhat difficult, and -

and withal important one. Not having access to the parochial reports, they are destitute of one principal source of information and judgment. And even with every possible help and appliance, it is a matter of some nicety to decide upon some of the principal points on which they may be expected to express an opinion. Had they the documents in hand, it would be comparatively easy to gather up and exhibit, in a condensed view, the statistics of the Diocese for the year past; the number of persons confirmed and admitted to communion; the churches built and consecrated; and the amount of moneys given for charitable purposes; comparing this year, in these several respects, with years that have gone before, and with the general strength of the Church, and what might reasonably be expected of her in view of her many peculiar advantages for doing the Lord's work, and with the pressing necessities of our age and country. But even if this task were possible to your Committee, and actually accomplished by them, there would yet remain another, more delicate in its nature and more difficult of accomplishment. They would still have, however diffidently and humbly, to give their view upon the inner condition of the Church, and the amount of purely spiritual work which, through the power of the Holy Ghost, has been accomplished within our borders, and by our instrumentality, since the adjournment of the last Convention. For your Committee would ever bear in mind, and would have others do the same, that it is to this subject our attention, and prayers, and efforts should be mainly directed, and that we should never rest satisfied except as, to use the strong paradox of the Apostle and the Apostle's Lord and Master we see, that which is *invisible*, we trace that which cometh *not with observation*; and except as, moreover, we discover this reign of Christ in human hearts, extending around us within our own borders, and far beyond them even to the ends of the earth.

In expressing an opinion on this point—upon the condition of true spiritual religion in the church of our affections, and rational and conscientious, because scriptural, preference, looking over the whole Diocese, and viewing it as a whole—we see, as usual, grounds for deep humiliation before God for our manifold deficiencies, and at the same time for true thankfulness and earnest hope. The communicants of the Church seem, for the most part, to have walked during the past conventional year in a manner worthy of their vocation, honoring Christ, and by their zealous exertions in many ways, seeking to advance his cause. The cases of discipline, so far as we can learn, have been very few. Last year they were but little more than one in a thousand of our communicants; and this year we trust the proportion has been smaller still. This we look upon as a matter for which our devoutest thanks are due. Every christian heart feels, at least, a profound relief when, in this world of sin and inconsistency, the Savior escapes wounding in the house of his friends. Let the world, if they will and must, speak evil of our Master; but let none of his followers betray him, even with a "hail Master" and a kiss.

But while the communicants of our Church, generally, have been thus exemplary in their walk and conversation, it is with grief that your Committee have to notice that their number has not increased as was to be hoped and expected. The daughter of Zion has not lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes. The Church of Christ has not amongst us received those accessions which should be ever earnestly striven and looked for year by year, as she advances on the high road of time, towards the consummation of all things. Even in some congregations where the attendance has rather increased, there has been a sad deficiency here. In some cases death has taken away more than the Gospel invitation has brought in. This want of increase in the number of pro-

fewing Christians is a matter to be deeply deplored, and which calls for self-examination, for renewed intercessory prayer, and for an honest dealing with ourselves as individuals, and a christian communion. In view of the commission devolved upon the Church by its Head and Founder, of the exigencies of our country, and of the position which it occupies as the recipient of a great foreign emigration, as the soil of a rapid natural growth, and as the fountain head of an influence which is felt in the most distant lands, and in view, also, of the value of immortal souls perishing for lack of divine knowledge, we cannot consent to come to the conclusion, that the labors of the Christian ministry and laity have been in this view in any way ineffectual during the past year, without expressing the hope, that the records of the year to come, whether we be permitted to read them or not, will bear witness, that Jehovah has been "enquired of by the house of Israel" to add to the number of such as shall be saved, and that he has done it for them.

Your Committee do not forget what the Lord has done for our communion in two localities at least. We do thankfully bear in mind that, in the places referred to, and doubtless in some others, though not in the same marked degree, he has poured out his spirit on the people, and that many have been thus added to the Lord. We desire, too, in prayerful humility, to regard these local revivals as only the few large drops before the coming shower, and to look on them as the earnest of a more abundant and widespread blessing. Heaven grant that it may be so!—not that we wish to see merely our numbers multiplied—we look for fruit and not blossoms only; and we would deprecate, above all things, the sacrificing of the quality to the quantity of christian profession among us. We hope the Church in this Diocese will ever be more conspicuous for its spiritual than its numerical strength. Only we would have it steadily borne in mind, that the spirit of the Lord can at once increase the profession of religion and elevate its standard; and that these two divine operations are entirely compatible with one another.

In regard to the instances of special blessing upon our Zion, which have been mentioned, one or two circumstances have been called to our notice as instructive to the Church at large. When inquiry has been made as to the working of the proximate causes (additional to the public means of grace) of these happy results, they have been found by your Committee to have begun their operation amongst those already professors of religion. The mercy began in the house of God. When more than one ministerial brother was concerned in the work, a strong fraternal feeling existed—they were of one mind and one heart, feeling the cause to be Christ's, and not properly their own. The people, too, partook largely in this loving spirit, and so their prayers were not hindered; moreover the people had been long helpful to their pastors in every good word, and work, and contribution; and above all, as we are informed, there were some members of these Churches, who, living habitually in intimate communion with God, had made unceasing prayer, for sometime, for Heaven's special blessing on the use of the word of truth; and so, after long delay, the ever faithful God vouchsafed an answer. Thus has it usually been in seasons of revival, and for this method in the divine procedure, should those members of Christ's Church who feel a sympathy for men perishing in their sins, ever look, upon no other should they practically depend, upon no other have they a warrant to depend.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the great excess of the demand over the supply of ministers within our diocese and communion. It is a great comfort that a part of the loss which we mourn in this respect, has been the gain of others; that some have gone to labor in other dioceses, and especially that they have been led by the constraining love of Christ to choose as the field of their life-long toils benighted hea-

then lands. So far as the lack of ministers is occasioned by a failure of the fathers and mothers in our Israel to surrender their sons, and of the youth of the Church to give up themselves, to the Lord's service, it is indeed a circumstance which should awaken apprehension, and excite more earnest prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he should send forth more laborers into the harvest. It also suggests to the Church the importance of our Diocesan Missionary Society. By this institution many clergy are kept among us, who must, otherwise, seek fields of labor elsewhere. Thus is our ministry, if not increased, preserved from diminution, and parishes that would otherwise be forsaken, are supplied with the ministrations of the gospel. It seems to your Committee, also, a reason why all educational institutions, of whatever grade, which seek to train youthful mind, in connexion with our Church, and in harmony with its system, should be countenanced and cherished by our members.

In conclusion, it seems a matter calling for continued thankfulness to God, that the interest among ministers and people in our Church continues to increase in the spiritual welfare of our colored population. Though the additions to the communion from among them are not by any means as general or as great as we could wish, it is gratifying to learn that in one of our cities there are from 50 to 60 communicants; that in several parishes there are regular services provided for their special benefit; that in some there has been recently awakened a special interest among them for these services; and that two valuable volumes have been published, one of Sermons, and the other of Catechetical Instructions, adopted to their wants, prepared or composed by ministers of this diocese.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Convention elected the following Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society :

Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., <i>ex officio</i> ,	Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,
“ John Johns, D. D., <i>do</i>	John O. Steager, <i>Secretary</i> ,
Rev. Adam Empie, D. D.,	John L. Bacon, <i>Treasurer</i> .
“ Alexander Jones, D. D.,	

Philip Williams, from the committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to Canon 12, reported, recommending said amendments ; which report was concurred in, and said Canon stands amended accordingly.

CANON XII—*as amended.*

Of the formation of New Congregations and Parishes.

SEC. 1. When any number of persons belonging to any parish or congregation, sufficient to build a house of worship, and provide for the support of a minister, shall choose to separate from the parish or congregation, of which they have hitherto been a part, they may proceed according to the directions given in the eleventh canon, except that, in this case, the direction as to a line or lines of division is inapplicable. The Convention may, on such petition, constitute the applicants a separate congregation, and authorise, by special enactment, such peculiar provisions, as to the right of suffrage, the employment of a minister, or ministers, and the manner of holding and managing the property of such congregation, as they may propose, and the Convention deem expedient: *Provided*, That the time of electing and the manner of qualifying vestrymen shall always be conformed to the regulations prescribed in the ninth canon.

Sec. 2. Whenever any number of persons, not residing in any existing parish, shall desire to form a new parish, they shall appoint a committee to take such measures as may be necessary.

Sec. 3. The committee so appointed shall present a petition to the Convention, setting forth the boundaries of the proposed parish, and requesting that such new parish may be formed in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties of other parishes of the Diocese.

Sec. 4. If the Convention shall form such parish, the vestrymen shall be elected as prescribed by the fourth and fifth sections of canon eleventh.

The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to ministers in the Diocese of Virginia, made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the great want of ministerial services in the Diocese of Virginia, and in other portions of our country, and to the yet more lamentable fact that the number of individuals seeking an entrance into the ministry is so small as to preclude the hope that parishes and churches now vacant can soon be blessed with the ministration of the Word and other divinely appointed means of grace, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's address as is above referred to be published separate from the Journal of the Convention, and that it be circulated amongst the members of the Church throughout the Diocese.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a Sabbath on which the clergy of this Diocese shall direct the attention of their respective congregations to the great and increasing want of ministerial services; and at which time let special prayer be made to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, that He "would send forth laborers into his vineyard "

3. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese be requested to put forth a form of prayer suited to the occasion and services.

WM. ARMSTRONG, *Chairman*.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Rectors of the churches in this city be, and they are hereby, requested to cause collections to be made to-morrow morning in their respective Churches in aid of the Education Society, and to give notice thereof to night, or some time to-day.

The following resolutions in relation to the Female Institute at Staunton, was considered and adopted :

The Trustees of the Female Virginia Institute at Staunton having proposed to the Convention at its last session to convey the said institute to Trustees to be appointed by this Convention, upon the payment of \$7,000, and the Convention having accepted the said proposition, provided the said amount could be raised, and taken measures to raise the money.

And as only about \$3,500 has been paid or pledged: *Resolved*, that the ministers and members of the Church throughout the Diocese be earnestly requested to raise the residue of said sum of \$7,000, and thus fulfil the implied undertaking of the Convention.

Resolved, That in the meantime the Treasurer appointed to receive the said fund shall pay the same as collected to the Branch of the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, in part

payment of the debt of \$5,000 due to the said Bank. But upon the agreement and stipulation of the Trustees, that if the above sum of \$7,000 shall not be paid, that the amount so paid shall be a loan to the Trustees, for which the institute shall be made liable, subject to the prior lien of the Bank; and that, until this arrangement can be made with the Trustees and the Bank, the amount in the hands of the Treasurer shall be paid by him into the said Bank on deposit.

Resolved, That ————— be appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements to carry out these resolutions.

The Rev. R. H. Phillips, Messrs. W. W. Donaghe and A. J. Garber were appointed a committee under these resolutions.

The Rev. Mr. Walker, from the Committee on the Female Institute at Staunton, made the following report :

The committee appointed on the Female Institute at Staunton would respectfully report that, of the sum pledged at last convention, \$2,680, there have been paid in \$1,002 80, leaving still to be collected a deficiency of \$1,677 20. Besides this amount, \$865 have been collected additional to the pledges, leaving in the hands of the treasurer, in cash, at this time \$1,867 80.

There have, also, been contributed in Richmond \$235 not yet paid in. The whole amount, therefore, contributed from all sources will be \$3,780; the whole amount collected and paid 1,867 80, leaving a deficiency in *contribution* of \$3,220, to the whole amount needed, \$7,000, and a deficiency in cash of \$5,132 20 to the aforesaid \$7,000 needed.

C. WALKER, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Mr. Gibson, from the Committee on Parochial Reports, made the following report :

The Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully submit that they have examined and revised one hundred and fifteen reports, which they herewith present to be published in the Journal. They have also prepared an abstract of them, and a synopsis of the most important and interesting facts which they exhibit, to be also entered upon the Journal, together with a new form of Parochial Report for the next year, to which they would especially direct the attention of their brethren. If this form, which they recommend to be printed upon the first page of the Journal, be, *in every case*, closely adhered to by the Clergy, the heavy labors of this committee would be greatly lightened. They would therefore again, and most earnestly, invite the attention of their brethren to this form, as absolutely essential to secure accuracy in presenting a statistical view of the condition of the Church in this Diocese.

C. J. GIBSON, *Chairman*.

[See Appendix A.]

The Rev. Mr. Tyng, from the Committee to memorialize the Governor to recommend a day of Thanksgiving, reported the following memorial :

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial to His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, beg leave to report the following :

To His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia:

The following resolutions were on motion adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church now in session in this city:

“Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial from this Convention to His Excellency, the Governor of this Commonwealth, requesting him to recommend

a day for Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth and all the other blessings of His Merciful Providence.

Resolved, that the Secretary transmit a copy of the above resolution to the several religious denominations in the State, and ask their concurrence in this measure."

In compliance with this instruction the undersigned respectfully address you on behalf of the convention.

Your memorialists are persuaded that there is a growing desire among the people of Virginia, in common with other States of this Confederacy, to bear their part in those national anthems of Thanksgiving to the God of their fathers—a desire indicated, among other signs, by the prompt and general response to such recommendations of the kind here desired as issued in divers quarters, last year, from their immediate local authorities. No word of complaint from any quarter against such action has reached the ears of those who now request a wider recommendation from a higher station, but rather sounds of unmingled gratification; all classes united to observe the day, and a general desire was expressed for its annual repetition.

The Church to which your memorialists belong has ever enjoined upon her officers and members a respectful and loyal deference to their civil authorities as to the time for observance of this sacred duty. And while she has appointed a day for Thanksgiving, that her children might never forget their obligations, she has, from the first, directed that it should give way to "such other day as shall be appointed by the civil authority," manifesting her urgent wish that they should follow the guidance of the Rulers of their People, in union with all other religious denominations, rather than act by themselves as a separate and peculiar body. Your memorialists wish now to be thus guided. They desire ever to follow their rightful leaders, and in common with all their fellow-citizens to be encouraged in this common duty. They therefore hope that your Excellency will take into consideration the propriety of granting their request, that the people of Virginia, in common with their fellow-citizens throughout the land, may publicly adore the God of their country for His unnumbered mercies. And they have instructed their Secretary to communicate this their action to such other ecclesiastical bodies as may assemble in this State during the coming summer, hoping that your Excellency may receive additional assurance of the desire of the good people of this Commonwealth, and feel that this will be an act for the gratification, as well as for the good, of all. All which is respectfully submitted,

D. A. TYNG,

Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee to present said memorial to the Governor :

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.,

Wm. Harrison,

" William Noland,

Mark Alexander.

Mr. R. H. Cunningham, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report :

Report of the Committee of Finance, 1852.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer, respectfully report—

That the accounts of the Treasurer for the last conventional year herewith returned and marked A, is found to be correct and supported by proper vouchers. The balance on hand on the 15th May, 1851, as shown by the last report, was \$667 68, and the payment to the contingent fund since that time were \$4,931 73. The balance on hand

having, by resolution of the last convention, been appropriated to Bishop Meade's use, and his salary increased by the sum of \$1,000; the claims on the contingent fund during the past year exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$219 91, which sum is shown to be the balance due the Treasurer on the 18th May, 1852, as appears by account A herewith returned.

Account B shows the contributions to the contingent fund for the present year. They amount to \$4,981 18.

Account C shows the amount paid on account of delinquencies for previous years. They amount to \$10 only.

It is proper to state that the delinquencies reported in the journal of last year amounted to \$768 32, of which \$75 only was subsequently paid to the Treasurer, leaving unpaid, with the above credit of \$10, the sum of \$683 32, a portion of which the committee think might and ought to be collected.

Account D shows the Parishes and Churches which, from the Parochial reports returned this year, appear to be delinquent in the payment to the contingent fund. The amount is \$469 11, being \$299 21 less than they were last year.

As many of the reports did not distinguish between the white and colored communicants, some few errors may have crept into this statement. The committee have no means of ascertaining whether any Parishes have failed in sending both their reports and contributions, without which exact accuracy in the statement of delinquencies cannot be attained.

All which is respectfully reported.

TAZEWELL TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

[For accounts B, C, and D, see Appendix.]

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Bishops of this Diocese be requested to issue circulars, calling on the clergy and laity in the respective Parishes to take immediate steps to raise the residue of the money in behalf of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, and to take such other measures as may seem to them most efficient.

The Convention then proceeded to vote, by ballot, for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr Woodbridge and Dr. Robert E. Peyton to collect and count the votes ; who reported the following gentlemen duly elected :

Rev. C. B. Dana,

John Hoff,

" W. Sparrow, D. D.,

Orlando Fairfax,

" J. T. Johnson,

Cassius F. Lee.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the citizens of Richmond for the hospitality and kindness extended to its members.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the Doorkeeper of this Convention fifteen dollars, and also the expenses of the Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed two thousand copies of the Journal for distribution among the Parishes.

There being no further business before the Convention, the minutes were read, and after the usual religious services, the Convention adjourned to meet in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, on the third Wednesday in May, 1853.

WILLIAM MEADE,

CASSIUS F. LEE, *Secretary.*

President of the Convention.

APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

Walker's Parish.

REV. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; added, 5; present number, 24. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Bible class of 20 persons. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$107 00. Cobham Depot Post Office.

St. Anne's Parish.

REV. C. E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 25; added, 5; removed, 5; present number, 25. Marriages—white, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$93. Nearest Post Office, Porter's precinct.

Christ Church.

REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 14; died, 4; removed, 6; present number, 77. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 11. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$1,076 98. Nearest Post Office, Charlottesville, Albemarle county.

Buckmountain and St. Paul's Churches, Frederickville Parish.

REV. SAMUEL R. SLACK, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 40; added, 5; removed, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—infants, white, 4; infants, colored, 3; total, 7. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 3; total, 5. Families 45. Catechumens—colored, 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$93 41. Nearest Post Office, Mechum's river, Albemarle county.

At St. Paul's Church the Rector holds regular evening services for the colored population, which he is glad to say are very fully attended.

AMHERST COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, New Glasgow.

REV. E. CHRISTIAN, Officiating.

Since the last convention 5 marriages have been performed, and 3 funerals. The minister has officiated regularly at a place of worship called Sardis, and at the poor house he has also performed divine service twice a week in New Glasgow, since the commencement of the year. The congregations have generally been good; and the deep solemnity which has often pervaded them, inspires a hope that he has not labored in vain New Glasgow Post Office, Amherst county.

AMELIA AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

Raleigh and Genito Parish.

REV. P. F. BUCKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 45; added, 2; removed, 3; present number, 44. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Marriages, 4. Funerals—white 1; colored 7; total, 8. Amount of collections for the different institutions connects with the cause of religion and the church, about \$100 00. Post Office Amelia Courthouse.

A new brick building, erected within a few feet of the site of the old Grub Hill Church will be ready for consecration in June. Having to collect an amount of money necessary to defray the expense of the construction of this building, the Rector thought best to present to the parishioners no other claims to their pecuniary aid during the year, excepting those of missions and those arising from the usual expenses of the Parishes and the Diocese. Hence no collections have been made for other objects. While encouraged respecting the cause of religion in his parishes, by some facts he has still lament, as for years past, the small additions to his communion.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.

The principal respectfully reports, that during the present session, this institution, by the favor of God, has continued in a most prosperous condition. Upwards of forty applicants were refused admission for want of room, and it is believed that the number of pupils might be easily increased, if desirable, to two hundred and fifty. Number of teachers—males 5; female, 2; total, 7. Communicants—last reported, 15; removed, 6; added, 6; total 20. Baptisms—adults, 2. Contributions to benevolent objects in the church, \$196 00. Daily services are held in the Institution. A Sabbath afternoon class in Biblical Literature has been regularly instructed. The Principal has assisted the Rector of Trinity Church in his arduous duties, and aided the Vice-Principal of this Institution in his indefatigable efforts to maintain regular services at Beyden Chapel, Harrisonburg, an

Port Republic.

STAUNTON, VA., May 19, 1852.

R. H. PHILLIPS, *Principal.**Trinity Church, Staunton.*

REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 97; added, 15; died, 1; removed, 17; white, 88; colored, 6; total, 94. Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 9; total, 11. Ma

riages—white, 5; colored, 4; total, 9. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 6; total, 10. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 4; female, 14; teachers—total, 18; scholars, 75. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$254 78. Staunton Post Office.

AUGUSTA AND ROCKINGHAM COUNTIES.

Boyden Chapel, Augusta county.

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants, 6; added, 4; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 2.

Rockingham Parish, Rockingham county.

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants, 12; added, 4; total, 16. Baptisms, adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Funerals, 1. Number of families, 9, adults 27, minors 31. The parish was organized in September, 1852; and, on Easter Monday, measures were adopted by the vestry to gain admittance into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia.

STAUNTON, May 17, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: During the past year the performance of duty as Vice Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, has been my primary engagement. Divine service has been held every two weeks at Boyden Chapel, with the assistance of Rev. R. H. Phillips, and late Rev. J. D. Tyler.

Last September, in compliance with a request from the Vestry of Rockingham Parish, Rockingham city, I was induced to hold services every three weeks at Harrisonburg and Port Republic. The services have so far been well attended, and quite a cheering and zealous spirit has been manifested on the part of the few members to establish the church at those points. It is much to be regretted that an active and zealous minister cannot be obtained, whose whole time and attention could be given to building up the Church in the section of country that gave birth to, and was for a long time the residence of one of the early Bishops of Virginia, Bishop Madison.

Yours, respectfully,

J. C. WHEAT.

ALEXANDRIA.

Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

REV. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 125; added, 13; removed, 6; died, 4; present number, 128; eight of whom are colored. Baptisms—adults, white, 3; infants, white, 12; total, 15; Confirmations—white, 15. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 10. Teachers, 15. Scholars, 80. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$950. Nearest Post Office, Alexandria.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Meade:

The Rev. George A. Smith reports in accordance with the canon, that he is disabled by ill health from parochial duty, and continues to edit the Southern Churchman. He has to report one marriage in Alexandria, celebrated by him at a time when both the pastors of the churches were absent.

May 20, 1852.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. J. T. JONESTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 29; from other cures, 4; removed, 8; died, 4; withdrawn, 1; total, 160; of whom two are colored persons. Baptisms—infants, white, 34; colored, 1; total, 35. Confirmations, 22. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 14. Sunday School—1 superintendent, 22 teachers, 200 scholars. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$1,093 55.

ACCOMAC COUNTY.

St. George's Parish.

J. ANDLER WREED, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; added, 4; present number, 12. Baptisms—adults—white, 2; infants, colored, 5; total, 7. Confirmations, 6. Marriages—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals—white, 5. Nearest Post Office, Pungoteague.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. R. P. JOHNSON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 40 white; added, 4 white; 21 colored; removed, 6; present number, 38 white, 21 colored. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 1; total 7. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$137. Nearest Post Office, Sturgeonville.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Botetourt Parish.

THOMAS N. BURWELL, Lay Delegate.

Communicants, 51; removed, 4; number of communicants at this time, 30. In consequence of that part of the parish which is embraced within the limits of Roanoke county, being formed in a new parish, the number of communicants is reduced to thirty. The church in Fincastle has had no minister to officiate for the last two months, at which time the Rev. Mr. McElory removed to the State of Ohio. The vestry of Botetourt Parish has engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. F. M. Baker, of the Diocese of Maryland, who will enter upon his duties sometime in June next.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish.

REV. O. A. KINGSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 70; added, 3; died, 2; removed, 5; present number, white, 65; colored, 1; total, 66. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$125. Nearest Post Office, "Forest Depot," Bedford county.

Heber Parish, St. John's Church.

REV. NELSON SALE, late Rector.

Communicants—added, 1 from another cure; removed, 3; total, 36. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Funerals, 1. Contributions to Bishops' and Contingent Fund, \$10;

to other objects, \$21. Sunday School teachers, 9; scholars, 35. The Rev. John A. Wharton is officiating very acceptably in this parish.

Russell Parish, Trinity Church.

HIRAM CHEATWOOD, Lay Delegate.

Communicants—white, 29. Contingent Fund, \$22. This parish has been without regular services about six months. Its Rector, the Rev. Nelson Sale, having resigned on account of his health.

St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish.

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; present number, 19. Marriages—2. Big Island Post Office, Bedford county.

In consequence of impaired health my labors have been suspended in this parish for the last seven or eight months, as well as in all the others with which I have hitherto been connected, my present relation to it being continued by the indulgence of the vestry, to test the efficiency of remedies and repose.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish.

REV. WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 30; died, 1; removed, 1; suspended, 1; present number, 27. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 3; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$259. Nearest Post Office, Curds-ville, Buckingham county.

BROOK COUNTY.

St. John's Parish.

REV. WILLIAM LYTTLETON HYLAND, Late Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 41; added, 2; died, 3; present number, 40. Baptisms, 2. Cherry Hill Post Office.

Christ Church Parish.

Communicants—last reported, 14; removed, 2; present number, 12. Baptisms—infants, white, 2.

The undersigned resigned the charge of the parishes in Brook county on the 1st of April, 1852, and has been succeeded in the rectorship by the Rev. Samuel D. Tompkins, who has become the principal of the Primary school lately established in Wellsburg, under the patronage and control of the church. Post Office, Wellsburg.

W. LYTTLETON HYLAND, *Late Rector.*

CAROLINE COUNTY.

REV. ALEXANDER SHIRAS respectfully reports, that during the past year he has continued to officiate at the Rappahanock Academy, and at Grace Church, Caroline county, besides preaching once a month at the Bowling Green, the county seat of Caroline. At

the Academy there has always seemed to be a deep interest in the services held, and often an apparently fair promise of rich spiritual fruit; but thus far, no result has been attained commensurate with the expectations sometimes raised. It is the same in respect to Grace Church, where the number of communicants is no greater than was reported last year, one having been gained, and one lost by removal. There has been one white infant baptized. The contributions from this church have been, for Missionary purposes, \$20; Bible Society, \$11; Ev. Knowl. Society, \$10; and benevolent purposes within the parish, \$10; Convention Fund, \$23.

At the Bowling Green an effort has been made to revive the old St. Asaph's parish, which had fallen into complete decay. A congregation has been organized; seven communicants gathered; considerable interest excited in our services, and \$150 pledged towards the support of a minister. Measures have been also taken for the repair of the church building, and it is hoped, that the foundation has been laid for a flourishing and efficient church. Ten dollars have been contributed here for the Bible Society, and \$150 have been offered for repairing the church edifice.

St. Margaret's Church.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 31; added, 2; removed, 2; total, 31. Baptisms—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$35 55.

St. Peter's Church, Port Royal.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 26; added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 27. Baptisms—infants, colored, 1. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$300. Post Office, Port Royal.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Moore Parish.

REV. W. H. KINCKLE, (temporarily officiating.)

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 1; total, about 15. Baptisms—infants, 2. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 1. Contributions—Contingent Fund, \$13 00; Diocesan Missions, \$10 66; total, \$23 66.

CLARKE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish.

REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 2; removed, 4; present number, (1 colored,) 58. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Marriages, white 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$500. Post Office, Millwood, Clarke county.

Wickliffe Parish.

REV. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 95; added 10; died, 2; removed, 7; present number, (including 2 colored persons,) 96. Baptisms—infants, white, 18. Confirmed, white, 9. Marriages—white, 7; colored, 8; total, 15. Funerals—white, 15; colored 1; total, 16. Sunday Schools—male teachers 4, female 5, total teachers 9; male scholars 18, female 22, total scholars 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$600. Post Office, Berryville.

The Rev. W. D. Hanson still continues his useful labors in the lower part of this Parish; and is also actively engaged in ministering to the servants, and in missionary effort in a very destitute part of the Blue Ridge. His Post Office is at Kable Town, Jefferson County.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

Dale Parish, Chesterfield county, and King William Parish, Powhatan county.

REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white 16, colored 1, total 17. Baptisms—infants, white, 11. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$50. The Rector officiates alternate Sundays, in the morning, at each of the Parish Churches; and in the afternoon at the Coal Pits, within the limits of his Parish, where his services are well attended by the laborers, a large part of whom are servants.

Winter Rock Post Office, Chesterfield county.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; present number, 35. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 11. Sunday Schools—teachers, 10; scholars, 40. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$65 87½. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

St. James's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 2; present number, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$42 73. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

St. Paul's Church, St. Mark's Parish.

REV. JNO. COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$20 50. Post Office, Culpeper C. H.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Littleton Parish.

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 12; removed, 2; present number, 10. Marriages—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$40. Nearest Post Office, Langhorn's Tavern.

Grace Church, Littleton Parish.

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 24; present number, 24, including 3 colored. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$100. Nearest Post Office, Langhorn's Tavern.

CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

Westover Parish.

REV. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 32; added, 12; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, 38. Baptisms—infants, white, 11; infants, colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations—white, 7. Marriages—colored, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, passing through my hands, \$201 25, viz:

For Contingent Fund.....	\$38 00
School in China.....	20 00
Foreign Missions.....	20 00
Domestic Missions.....	20 00
Diocesan Missions.....	20 00
Bishop Paine's Church.....	5 00
Colonization Society.....	12 00
Bible Society.....	67 25

Nearest Post Office, Charles City Court House, Va.

\$201 25

ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

Centurion Church, Old Point Parish.

REV. MARK S. CHEYERS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 18; added, 7; removed, 5; present number, 22. Baptisms—infants, white, 15. Confirmations—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 9. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 1; female teachers, 3; total teachers, 4; male scholars, 15; female scholars, 13; total scholars, 28. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$165 09. Nearest Post Office, Old Point, Va.

St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 41; added, 9; present number, 49. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Confirmations—white, 9. Marriages—white, 1.

Funerals—infants, white, 3. Sunday School—male teachers, 3; female teachers, 7; total teachers, 10; male scholars, 15; female scholars, 20; total scholars, 35. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church:

For Convocation purposes.....	\$16 40
Mission School, Shanghai.....	19 13
Repairs to church.....	180 13
American Tract Society.....	33 50
Virginia Bible Society.....	27 30
Diocesan Missionary Society.....	15 21
Sunday School Books.....	9 00
Convention Fund.....	49 00
Total since last report.....	<u>\$349 87</u>

ESSEX COUNTY.

South Farnham Parish.

REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 38; added, 4; present number, 42. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 7; total, 8. Confirmations—white, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$134 00. Nearest Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

A Sunday School has been established at St. Paul's Church. Since last Convention a new church, situated in Tappahannock, was consecrated by Bishop Meade. The Rev. Mr. Temple continues his very useful labors in this parish. The Rev. Mr. Temple's P. O., Miller's, Essex county.

St. Ann's Parish.

REV. JOHN P. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 27. Baptisms, 1. Confirmations—white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$135. Nearest Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

The Sunday School which has been in operation for some years, is still continued.

FAUQUIER COUNTY.

Trinity Church Piedmont Parish.

REV. C. H. SMIELDS, Rector.

Communicants—total, 27. Baptisms—infants, 6. Confirmations, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; pupils, 30. Amount collected for beneficial purposes, \$30.

St. James's Church, Hamilton Parish.

REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 47; added, 9; present number, 56. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 4. Sunday Schools—female

teachers, 7; scholars, 35. Amount of the collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$150. Nearest Post Office, Warrenton.

A new church is in course of erection and will be completed this season. The congregation is steadily gaining strength.

St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run Parish.

REV. GEORGE H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants--added, 1; total, 8.

Leeds Parish.

REV. WM. HENRY PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 30; added, 3; removed, 1; present number, 32. Baptisms--infants, white, 5. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$145 74; contingent fund, \$32; total, \$177 74. Nearest Post Office, Leeds Manor.

Trinity and Emmanuel Church, Meade Parish, Fauquier and Loudon Counties.

REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants--added, 3; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; total, 26. Baptisms--adults, white, 1; infants, white, 4; total, 5. Confirmations--white, 4, colored, 1; total, 5. Marriage, 1. Funerals, 2. Sunday School, 1. Amount of collections for benevolent objects, \$217 80. Post Office--Middleburg, Loudoun County, Va.

FAIRFAX COUNTY.

Falls' Church, Fairfax Parish.

REV. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 11; added, 3; removed 2; present number, 12.

During the past year Drs. May and Packard have supplied Falls' Church one Sunday in each month, to enable me to have service at St. John's, Centreville. The prospects are very encouraging for the Church at Centreville; the attendance is good, and the interest in our service seem to increase. Since my last report two have been added to the Church.

Zion Church, Truro Parish.

REV. W. F. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 20; added, 4; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, 21. Baptisms--adults, white, 2; infants, white, 2; total, 4. Confirmation, 1. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 9. Post Office, Fairfax C. H.

FREDERICK COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church, Middletown.

REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants--died, 1; removed, 1; total, 14. Baptisms--infants, 3. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 5.

t. Paul's, Romney; Frankfort Church, Frankfort; Zion Church, Slanes Cross Roads; and Bethel Church, Bethel Valley, Hampshire Parish.

REV. WM. N. IRISH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; added, 16; total, 13. Baptisms—infants, 1. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 2. Collection for Church objects, \$4 06.

Within the year past, the above Parish was revived under the auspices of the Valley Convocation, and at their suggestion, the present Rector assumed the charge of the same. The field at this time is peculiarly encouraging, and requires the undivided oversight of a minister. At the last visitation of Bishop Meade five persons were confirmed, and three more were unable to receive the rite in consequence of inclement weather, which prevented the Bishop meeting one of his appointments in this Parish.

Christ Church, Frederick Parish.

REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 102; added, 14; died, 6; removal, 6; suspended, 1; present number, 103. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 3; total, 10. Confirmed, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 4; total, 5. Funerals, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Sunday Schools—male teachers 2, female 20, total 22; male scholars 45, female 56, total 101. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$610.

Post Office, Winchester, Frederick county.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes.

REV. CHAS. MANN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 50; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 48. Baptisms—infants, white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Funerals, white, 6, (2 adults and 4 infants;) colored, 1; total, 7. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, about \$100. Post Office, Gloucester Court House.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Northam Parish.

REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 39; added, 8; died, 4; removed 4; present number, 39. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 4.

Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$253 75. Post Office, Pemberton, Goochland county.

St. Paul's Church, in this Parish, was accidentally destroyed by fire in December, 1851. Steps have been taken to build a greatly superior edifice in its stead, which, it is hoped, will be ready for consecration by the winter.

GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Mcherrin Parish.

REV. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 23; added, 13, (5 by removal into the Parish;) died, 1; present number, 23 white, 13 colored; total, 36. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 8; total 15. Confirmed, white, 1; colored, 6; total, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$137 37. Post Office, Hicksford, Greenville county.

Some of the usual collections for institutions of the Church not yet made, owing to the absence of the Rector at the proper season.

HANOVER COUNTY.

Old Church, St. Paul's Parish.

REV. WM. NORWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 2; present number, 26. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 10; scholars, 25. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church—\$32 Bible Society; Assessment, \$26; total, \$58. Old Church Post Office.

Communicants doubled since 1st May, 1851. Upwards of \$2,000 raised to build a new Church, which will be commenced forthwith. Congregation very flourishing.

St. Martin's Parish.

REV. WM. C. BOWERS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 63; added, 3 from other cures; died, 2; removed, 6; present number, 58. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$299. Post Office, Verdon, Hanover county.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Roanoke Parish.

REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; present number, 15. Baptisms—infants, white, 5. Confirmations—white, 1. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 2; female teachers, 2; total teachers, 4; male scholars, 25. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$380. Nearest Post Office, Midland, Charlotte county.

Antrim Parish.

REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants, white—last reported, 70; added, 3; died, 4; removed, 5; present number, 68; colored, last reported, 21; added, 6; died, 1—26; present number of white and colored, 94. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 6; adults, colored, 6; total, 13. Confirmations—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3; col-

ored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Sunday Schools, 2—male teachers, 4; female teachers, 4; total teachers, 8; scholars, about 70. Amount collected by me for different institutions connected with the church, viz:

Theological Seminary.....	\$228 34
Diocesan Missions.....	152 73
Foreign Missions.....	95 00
Foreign Mission School at Shanghai.....	72 50
Education Society.....	114 00
Episcopal Female Institute at Staunton.....	113 00
Evangelical Knowledge Society.....	6 00
Virginia Bible Society.....	112 00
Colonization Society.....	141 00
Post Office, Halifax Court House.	<u>\$1,034 57</u>

HENRY AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES.

Patrick and Franklin Parishes.

REV. ANDERSON WADE, Rector.

Communicants, 26; added, 12; total, 38. Baptisms—adults, white, 7; infants, white, 1; total, 8. Confirmations—whites, 4. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 4. Amount collected, \$40. Nearest Post Office, Martinsville, Henry county.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Newport Parish, Christ Church, Smithfield.

REV. H. T. WILCOXON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 28; added, 4; died, 1; present number, 31. Baptism—infants, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 6. Marriage 1. Funerals, 4. Sunday School—teachers, male, 4; female, 5; total, 9. Amount contributed to church institutions, and for charitable purposes, \$38 25. Post Office, Smithfield.

JAMES CITY COUNTY.

Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.

GOODRICH DUFFY, Delegate.

Communicants, 77; removed, 6; died, 3; added, 8; total, 76.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Christ Church, Norbourne Parish, and Grace Church, Middleway, and St. Bartholomew's, Lee Town.

REV. C. McK. CALLOWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 34; added, 9, 2 from another parish; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, 41. Baptisms—adults, colored, 2; infants, white, 2; infants, colored, 3; total, 7. Marriages—colored, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—teachers 8, scholars 30. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$62 18. There are two new churches in the parish ready for consecration. Nearest Post Office, Middleway, Jefferson county.

Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish.

REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants--added, 7; removed, 1; present number, 62. Baptisms--infants, white, 5. Confirmations--white, 5. Marriages--white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals--white, 3, colored, 2; total, 5. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 2; female teachers, 5; total teachers, 7; male scholars, 12; female scholars, 30; total scholars, 42. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, about \$300. Nearest Post Office, Shepherdstown.

St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 30; added, 10; died, 1; withdrawn, 4; present number, 35. Baptisms--infants, white, 3. Confirmations--white, 17. Marriages--white, 2. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 6; female teachers, 6; total teachers, 12; male scholars, 28; female scholars, 34; total scholars, 62. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$82 65. Post Office, Harper's Ferry.

Zion Parish.

REV. DUDLEY A. TYNG, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 92; added, 16; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, (5 colored,) 102. Baptisms--adults, white, 1; infants, white, 20; total, 21. Confirmations--white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Marriages--white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, 5. Sunday Schools--male teachers, 4; female teachers, 11; total teachers, 15. male scholars, 70; female scholars, 45; total scholars, 115. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$580 28. Nearest Post Office, Charlestown, Jefferson county.

Since the last Convention the congregation have so far completed their new church as to be able to occupy it, and it was consecrated December 6th, 1851. The congregation has much increased, and is in every way prosperous. Arrangements have been made for securing stated services once a fortnight, in that part of the parish which lies across the Shenandoah river, upon the slope of the Blue Ridge, for the Rev. Mr. Hanson, of Kabletown. This will enable the Rector to transfer the labors heretofore expended there to the colored population.

KING GEORGE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Parish.

REV. B. B. LEACOCK, Rector.

Communicants--added, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms--infants, white, 2; colored, 6; total, 8. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 5. Number of families, 24; adults, 86; infants, 11. Amount collected for various religious objects, \$493 93.

St. John's Church, Hanover Parish.

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 15; added, 3; removed, 1; present number, 17. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount of collections for the different in-

stitutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$80. Post Office, Port Royal, Caroline county.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Christ Church Parish.

REV. J. CHOWNING, Lay Delegate.

Communicants—added from other parishes, 3; removed, 1; total, 28. Funeral, 1. Contributions, \$28.

This parish is without a rector; through the goodness of the Rev. Wm. Ward and the Rev. John Towles, we have been highly favored. The latter gave us regular services in White Chapel Church during the winter months; the inclemency of the weather prevented his attendance at the other churches, being without stoves. The latter now officiating in all three of the Churches.

LEWIS COUNTY.

Weston, Lewis County; Clarkesburg, Harrison; Morgantown, Monongalia County.

SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Missionary.

Communicants—last reported, 22; added, 23; present number, 45. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 13; total, 15. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Of the report here made 4 communicants live in Morgantown, 13 in Fairmount, 7 in Clarkesburg, 7 in Fellowsville, 4 in Buckhamer, 10 in Weston. I have resigned the charge of St. Paul's Church, Weston, and also of all the missionary points here mentioned.

LOUDOUN COUNTY.

Shelburne Parish.

REV. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 80; added, 5; removed, 13; white, 70; colored, 2; total, 72. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 2; female, 6; total, 8; scholars, male, 10; female, 60; total, 70. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, about \$600. Post Office, Leesburg.

In addition to the above sum of six hundred dollars, a subscription has been obtained within the last few weeks to the amount of eight hundred dollars for improving and repairing the church, which will probably be accomplished in a few weeks.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Cumberland Parish.

REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 43; added, 1; died, 1; present number, including 2 colored, 43. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$338 70. Post Office, Macfarland's Store.

LOUISA COUNTY.

Green Spring Parish.

REV. E. BORDEN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 10; added, 1; died, 1; present number, 10. Baptism—infant, white, 1. Funerals, 3. Bible class, 8 scholars. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$76.—Post Office, Cobham Depot, Albemarle county.

Trinity Parish.

REV. JOHN COOKE, Officiating.

Communicants—last reported, 5; removed, 1; present number, 4. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$105. Post Office, Etna, Hanover county.

My field of labor is purely missionary ground, and but few Episcopal families residing in it. The congregations are generally large. During the past year I officiated regularly at four places.

LYNCHBURG.

St. Paul's Church.

REV. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 38; of whom 7 were from other parishes; removed, 3; died, 3; total, 156, including 3 colored persons. Baptisms—adults, 7; infants, 22; total, 29. Confirmations, 20. Marriages—white, 7; colored, 3; total, 10. Funerals, 17. Contributions—

Communion Alms.....	\$296 97
China Female School.....	86 44
Africa—Bishop Payne.....	160 00
Foreign Missions.....	68 44
Domestic “.....	29 56
Diocesan “.....	55 00
Virginia Bible Society.....	100 00
Contingent Fund.....	153 00
Education Society.....	34 00
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MADISON COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; removed, 1; white, 19; colored, 2; total, 21. Baptisms—infant, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 12. Amount collected for benevolent purposes, \$15 40.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. W. L. HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 12; added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 14.
 Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages, white, 1. Communion offerings, \$6 87½.
 Post Office, Grave Creek.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; added, 1; died, 1; present number, 8. Baptisms—
 infants, white, 2. Funerals, 2. Amount of collections for the different institutions
 connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$79. Post Office, Urbanna.

MATTHEWS COUNTY.

Kingston Parish.

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 6; removed, 1; present number, 5. Amount of col-
 lections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church,
 \$14 61. The Church building which was reported to the last Convention as in progress
 of erection, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

St. Luke's Parish.

Communicants—added, white, 2; colored, 1; removed, 3; died, colored, 1; total,
 16. Baptisms—infants, white, 9. Confirmations—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4.
 Funerals, 1. Number of families, 8.

Three dollars sent to pay delinquency for the year 1851, occasioned by error in re-
 port of the Rector of the Parish for that year. There have been no regular services in
 St. Luke's Church since the fall of 1850; and but once a month in Clarkeville, and
 that recently, by Rev. T. E. Locke, of Cumberland Parish.

EDWD. TARRY, }
 C. STURDIVANT, } *Church Wardens.*

St. James's Parish.

Communicants—added by removal, 2; died, 2; withdrawn, 4; present number, 48.
 Baptisms, 5. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.

This Parish is without a Rector; Rev. F. H. McGuire having resigned the charge of
 it in July last.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Hungar's Parish.

REV. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; died, 2; removed, 1; total, 54. Baptisms—adult, white,
 1; infants, white, 2; colored, 29; total, 32. Confirmations, 8. Funerals, 6. Mar-

riages, 4. Amounts raised for benevolent operations and for the institutions of the church:

Rebuilding Hungar's Church.....	\$1,550 00
Missions.....	53 23
Contingent Fund.....	51 00
Education Society.....	23 37
American Bible Society.....	35 00
American Tract Society.....	25 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,740 60</u>

In presenting his annual report of the condition of Hungar's Parish, its Rector desires gratefully to acknowledge the Divine blessing which has been vouchsafed to the scene of his labors during the past year. The ancient Parish Church, which had been abandoned from its ruinous condition, has been rebuilt at an expense of \$1,550, (all of which is paid,) and is now a safe, neat, and commodious house of worship. During the last few months a very interesting state of religious progress has existed in the Parish, which has resulted in the addition of several members to the Church.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Norfolk.

REV. GEO. D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 380; added, 71; died, 8; removed, 9; present number, 400 whites, 34 colored; total, 434. Baptisms—adults, white 9, colored 2; infants, white 31, colored 28; total, 70. Confirmed, white, 41; colored, 14; total, 55. Marriages, 3. Funerals, white, 23; colored, 2; total, 25. Sunday Schools—teachers, 45; scholars, 250. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$3,672 94. Post Office, Norfolk.

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

REV. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 26; added, 33; total, 181. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 41; colored, 1; total, 43. Confirmations, 27. Funerals, 12. Marriages, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 30; scholars, 160. Contributions, \$1,100.

NORFOLK, VA., May 17, 1852.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: Having requested Bishop Cobbs to transmit to you my letters dimissory from the Diocese of Alabama, it becomes my duty to send to you the annual report required by the Canons of the Church of each of the clergy.

You are aware that, in connection with my brother, the Rev. L. L. Smith, I have had the charge of the "Norfolk Female Institute" for more than two years past; and where we have had from 70 to 80 young ladies under our care since the first opening of the establishment. But whilst we have, here, chiefly to do with the intellectual powers of our pupils, we have not been forgetful that their moral powers also need constant and careful cultivation; and we are not without reason to hope that the instructions imparted in this branch of education will, in many cases, leave their impress on the character through life, and be felt in eternity.

Since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Disbrow from the Diocese of Virginia, my brother and I have regularly supplied the Church in Suffolk every Lord's day. Since the middle

of December last we have held two services per month at Deep Creek, a village about 9 miles from this place, at the terminus of the Dismal Swamp Canal. Once every month, we each take our turn in preaching to the colored congregation that worships in the Lecture Room of Christ Church, in this place. Besides this, we assist the Rectors of the Churches in this city on communion seasons, and occasionally at other times. We are thus engaged somewhere in ministerial duties on every Sunday. You will perceive, therefore, that though constantly occupied through the week in the business of teaching, yet we have not abandoned the work to which we were once solemnly set apart.

Yours, respectfully,

ARISTIDES S. SMITH.

RT. REV. WM. MEADE, D. D.,

Bishop of the P. E. Church, Diocese of Virginia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 1852.

Since my last report I continued in my capacity in Norfolk as City Missionary, until the close of the year, during which time I discharged the duties incident to the office, and assisted the two Rectors of the place, thirty-five times. Since then I have been residing in Philadelphia, where I have preached twenty-eight times, besides frequently reading the service. All which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. MITCHERSON.

Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4, removed, 5; colored, 1; total, 54. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 10; colored, 1; total, 12. Confirmations, (1 in a neighboring parish,) 2. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 4. Number of families in the congregation, 53; adults, 145; children, 105. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Amount collected for different institutions of the church out of the parish, \$140; in the parish, \$280; for Convention Fund, \$53; total, \$473.

Services have been held regularly twice a month for the last six months, at Deep Creek, in this parish, by the Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Norfolk city, with some encouraging prospects.

NELSON COUNTY.

Nelson Parish.

REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 25; added, 1; present number, 26. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$52 83. Nearest Post Office, Tye River Warehouse.

NEW KENT COUNTY.

St. Peter's Church.

REV. WILLIAM NORWOOD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 15; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages—white, 1. Fu-

nerals—white, 2. Amount collected, \$10. Nearest Post Office, New Kent Court House.

This small congregation has been very much weakened by the death and removal of nearly half of its communicants.

ORANGE COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church.

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6, (chiefly from other cures;) removed, 4; total, 66. Baptisms—infants, white, 3, Marriages, 5. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Number of families, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$111 92. Post Office, Orange Court House.

The past year has been one of great spiritual dearth in this church. The signs of spiritual life are scarcely to be seen, though we hope it is not wholly extinct. At no period of his ministry has the Rector had so much cause to mourn the blighting influence of a profession of religion, which is contrary to the requisitions of the gospel. While some seem to have only a name that they may live, maintaining merely the semblance of piety, others have gone with the multitude to do evil. These things have saddened the heart and well nigh crushed the hopes of him who is over them in the Lord.

OHIO COUNTY.

St. John's Church, St. Johns' Parish.

REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 62; added, 8; died, 2; removed, 6; suspended, 8; present number, 62. Baptisms—adults, white, 8; infants, white, 30; total, 38. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 7. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; scholars, male, 25; female, 40; total, 65. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$214 38. Post Office, Wheeling.

The Parish Church was greatly injured by the recent heavy flood in the Ohio river, which laid a large part of our city under water, and destroyed a vast amount of property. Through the pious activity of the congregation, the building has been repaired at considerable expense. The children of the parish are regularly catechised.

PETERSBURG.

Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church.

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 183, of whom 10 are colored; added, 21; died, 5; withdrawn, 1; removed, 4; present number, 194. Baptisms—infants, white, 19; colored, 6; total, 25. Confirmations, 13. Marriages—white, 5; colored, 6; total, 11. Funerals—white, 11; colored, 3; total, 14. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 8; female, 10; total, 18; scholars, male, 50; female, 55; total, 104. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$2,200.

Grace Church, Petersburg.

REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 107; added, 35; died, 3; withdrawn, 4; removed, 6; present number, (3 colored,) 129. Baptisms—infants, white, 33; colored, 1; total, 34. Confirmations—white, 21; colored, 1; total, 22. Marriages—white, 20; colored, 16; total, 36. Funerals—white, 56; colored, 12; total, 68. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 10; female, 18; total, 28; scholars, male, 56; female, 88; total, 144. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$410.

Within the past year our new church has been consecrated, and the growth of the congregation and of the Sunday School, and the additions to the communion, have very much increased. Besides my own parochial labors, by the appointment of our convocation, I preached in Southampton county at the C. H., and baptized 2 adults, and administered the communion to 12 or 15 persons. The field for our Church in this county is most encouraging.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

Camden Parish.

REV. G. W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 36; added, 19; died, 3; removed, 1; present number, 51. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; colored, 1; infants, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 9. Confirmations—white, 17; colored, 1; total, 18. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 7. Sunday schools—teachers, male, 3; female, 3; total, 6; scholars, male, 9; female, 24; total, 31. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, 60. Post Office, Danville, Virginia.

POWHATAN COUNTY.

St. James's Southam Parish.

REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 32; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 33. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; colored, 3; total, 4. Confirmations, 5. Funeral, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$80. Post Office, Sublett's Tavern.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

Martin's Brandon Parish.

REV. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 58; added, 1; died, 1; removed, 4; present number, including 2 colored persons, 54. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations—no visit from Bishop. Funerals, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers, male, 5; female, 7; total, 12; scholars, 50. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$309 45. Post Office, Garysville, Prince George county, Va.

About \$175 were expended upon the Church building and personage, which are not included in the above amount.

PORTSMOUTH.

St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish.

REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 37; added, 12; died, 1; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 10. Confirmations, 8. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday School—teachers, male, 5; female, 10; scholars, male, 31; female, 52; total, 83. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$60. Post Office, Portsmouth.

An explanation of the small amount of collections reported to *this* and the *preceding* Convention, is offered in the fact, that during these, the first two years of its existence, St. John's congregation has been subjected to unusual expenditure for domestic purposes. A fine toned organ, constructed for the Church, has been recently put up.

PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

Lynnhaven Parish.

REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; total, 28. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 6; infants, colored, 4; total, 11. Confirmations, 1. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Amount contributed to Bishop's Fund, \$28.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

Dettingen Parish, St. James's Church, Brentsville.

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; died, 1; total, 22. Baptisms—adults, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.

Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church, Haymarket.

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 6; died, 3; total, 32. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 10; total, 12. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, 3. Post Office, Brentsville.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

Bloomfield Parish.

REV. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number, 4. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations, 2.

The Rector took charge of this parish only November last. The parish has had to pay for the completion of a new church. It is also yet only missionary ground; hence it has not been thought advisable to take up, for the present, collections for the general objects of the church.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

Farnham Parish.

REV. WILLIAM N. WARD, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 11; died, 1; present number, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 6. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 10; adults, 21; infants, 29; total, 50. Amount collected for the Contingent Fund, \$10; for repairs of church, about \$350. Nearest Post Office, Lyell's Store.

RICHMOND CITY.

Monumental Church.

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 166; added, 14; died, 2; removed, 18; present number, 160. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 22; total, 23. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals, 18. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$1,423. Nearest Post Office, Richmond city.

St. James's Church, Henrico Parish.

REV. A. EMPIE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 132; added, 34; died, 5; withdrawn, 2; suspended, 1; removed, 22; present number, (colored, 4; white, 138,) total, 142. Baptisms—adults, white, 2; infants, white, 24; total, 26. Marriage, 7. Funerals, 12. Sunday schools—teachers, male, 4; female, 10; total, 14; scholars, male, 43; female, 47; total, 90.* Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$1,212 62.

The rector takes pleasure in adding, that a colored Sunday school was established in this church in January last. Its numbers are still on the increase. It has now fifty pupils who are orally instructed by 1 male and 7 female teachers, who all seem much encouraged by the decided improvement their pupils are making.

St. James's Church—Sunday School for colored persons.

It was commenced in January last with a small number of pupils, which rapidly increased, so that the average attendance is not less than fifty, and it is increasing.

I have been obliged by circumstances to assume the office of superintendant without any regular appointment, and with the kind and constant aid of a few ladies, have succeeded fully as well as was expected.

It was soon found necessary to commence the school immediately on the conclusion of the morning services of the church, because many of the pupils could not attend at an earlier hour. This has the effect of securing the attendance of a good number upon a part, at least, of the service, and of a full school when that is over.

Instruction is altogether oral—chiefly in the New Testament, the Church Catechism, with psalms and hymns, which they commit to memory with great facility. Extraordinary attention and desire to learn are manifest, with scarcely an exception, among them all; and it is believed that the blessings of Sunday school instruction may be as extensively diffused by bringing the colored population under its influence, as in any other mode.

*The number has been up to 120 in the course of the year.

Indeed, if every Church would establish and sustain one, it could not fail to effect a most happy change in the character and habits of servants. This school is composed principally of the young of both sexes, only two or three adults having as yet come in. One of these is a Baptist; but he is among the most constant and zealous of them all.

I trust the subject of Sunday school instruction for colored persons will be promptly and universally adopted.

APRIL 12, 1852.

WM. H. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.

REV. H. S. KEFFLER, Rector.

Communicants--added, 10; died, 2; removed, 3; present number, (1 colored,) 60. Baptisms--adults, white, 1; infants, 12; total, 16. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 23. Sunday schools--teachers, male, 6; female, 8; total, 14; scholars, male, 30; female, 40; total, 70.

Collections--African mission.....	\$28 56
China mission.....	10 40
Other charities.....	57 39

In addition to these collections, the sum of \$590 has been contributed to extinguish the remaining portion of the debt incurred by the parish in repairing the church, and to make such other repairs and improvements as were deemed necessary..... 590 00

\$686 35

The Church is now in an excellent state of repair, the debt paid, and the congregation is increasing. There is a class now awaiting the Bishop's visit, for confirmation.

St. Paul's Parish, Henrico County.

REV. ALEX. JONES, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 209; died, 3; removed, 4; present number, (3 colored,) 214. Baptisms, 27. Marriages--white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals, 11. Sunday schools--male teachers 9 female 12; total, 21; male scholars, 36; female 94; total, 130. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$3,790 37. Nearest Post Office, Richmond.

City Mission.

REV. JAMES J. PAGE.

In September last I entered upon the duties of my office. I officiate regularly at the Armory and Christ Church.

It gives me pleasure to state that the Sunday school at the Armory station is now in a very flourishing condition, the average number of pupils in attendance being between eighty and ninety. Christ Church, which had been closed for nearly six years, was opened in January. At this place, also, we have a flourishing Sunday school--number of pupils about thirty five. This number might be almost doubled, could a sufficient number of efficient teachers be procured.

Since entering upon my duties, I have baptized two infants and one adult. The amount which I have collected for repairing Christ Church, and other expenses, \$1,081 94.

ROANOKE COUNTY.

Salem Parish.

REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number of white communicants, 18; colored, 1; total, 19. Baptisms—adults, white, 1; infants, white, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$170.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

Grace Church, Lexington.

REV. LEWIS CLOVER, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 37; removed, 5; added, 6, (3 from neighboring parishes, and 2 from the Church of England;) present number, white, 37; colored, 1; total, 38. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Number of families, 19; adults, 50; infants, 52. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 7; female teachers, 1; total, 8; scholars, 35. Amount collected for the different institutions of the church, \$48 68.

This report covers only the short period intervening from the 1st day of April last, when the Rector took charge of the parish. From the time Mr. Nelson left, up to the period named, the parish had been without a minister. The members of the church here have, in addition to other pecuniary obligations assumed by them for the advancement of the church in Lexington, subscribed freely towards building a parsonage. Encouraged by a liberal donation from our Bishop, and generous promises of assistance from friends in Richmond, Norfolk, and elsewhere, reasonable hope is entertained that this parish will soon be provided with a comfortable and permanent house for its minister.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Berkely Parish.

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 13; present number, 13. Baptisms--infants, white, 2. Marriages, 1. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the church and religion, \$22 75.

Christ Church,

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, white, 13; colored, 2; added, 3; present number, 19. Baptisms--adult, white, 1. Funerals--white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with religion and the church, \$26 02.

St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.

REV. E. C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants--last reported, 163; added, 8; died, 6; removed, 15; present number, 160. Baptisms--infants, white, 10. Confirmations, 4. Marriages, 9. Funerals, 16. Sunday Schools—male teachers 10, female teachers 15; total teachers, 25; male scholars 70, female scholars 135; total scholars, 205. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the Church, \$800.

SURREY COUNTY.

Lower Surrey Church, Southwark Parish.

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 17; died, 1; present number, 18. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church:

For Shanghai Mission School, \$19; for Convention Fund, \$12; total . . . \$31 00

The congregation has not, with the exception of last year, been reported to the Convention for several years. It is hoped and believed that God is looking favorably on "this charitable work of ours," in recussitating one of the waste places of our Zion.

WETZEL COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, New Martinsville, Wetzel Parish.

Communicants, 9. Confirmations, 7. Number of families, 6.

The undersigned is unable to make a regular and formal report from this parish, from causes beyond his control. Since the last Convention, aided by the Rev. William L. Hyland, (who has divided the service with him,) he has supplied a regular service on Tuesday in each week, except during the last three months. The church erected during the past year by the efficient aid of the contributions from this city, was consecrated in November last by the Bishop of the Diocese; at which time there were seven persons confirmed. The increase of parochial duties will, I fear, prevent the same attention to this promising parish. An active, self-denying minister at this and one or two places in the vicinity, would find ample success in building up the Church of Christ.

The undersigned, during the month of March, by invitation, visited the town of Fairmount, in Marion county, where he held several public services, baptized one adult and one infant, and administered the Holy Communion to thirteen devout communicants. These western fields are white to the harvest; but alas! the laborers are few.

JAMES D. McCABE,
Rector St. John's Church, Wheeling.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Montross Parish.

REV. WM. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 8; withdrawn, 1; present number, 7. Funerals, 2. Sunday School teachers, 1 male and 2 female; scholars, male and female, 18. Amount collected for religious purposes, \$20, more or less.

Cople Parish.

REV. E. B. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 19; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, 19. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Confirmations—white, 3. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2. Funerals, 2. Sunday Schools, 1, and Bible Class, 1. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$10. Nearest Post Office, Rice's Store.

The heavy demand made upon the parish during the last year, for money to carry on the extensive repairs of its two church buildings, have necessarily reduced very much the contributions to religious and benevolent institutions.

Washington Parish.

REV. WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 10; added, 1; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; removed, 1; present number, 8. Baptisms, infants, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 6. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$30. Nearest Post Office, Oak Grove.

WOOD COUNTY.

Trinity Parish.

REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 33; added, 8; removed, 5; present number, 36. Baptisms—adults, colored, 1; infants, white, 11; total, 12. Confirmations—white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday Schools—male teachers, 1; female teachers, 6; total teachers, 7; scholars, 40. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$105.

There have been two churches consecrated within the sphere of my ministry since the last Convention, and a third is nearly ready for consecration. Post Office, Parkersburg.

York Hampton Parish, Yorktown.

REV. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; present number, 7. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 1.

The charge of this parish I resigned in February, to take effect on the 22d day of May. On the first of March I ceased to be chaplain for the Eastern Lunatic Asylum at Williamsburg, Virginia.

ERRATA.

The following should have been printed in the journal at page 5 :

The names of the following clergymen have been crased from the List of the Clergy of this Diocese, and have been transferred to their respective Missionary Bishops:

REV. EDWARD W. HENNING, Africa ;

REV. ROBERT NELSON, China ;

REV. CLEVELAND KEITH, China ; and the

REV. JOHN PAYNE, consecrated Missionary Bishop for Africa.

The whole number of Clergy, 111.

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SYNOPSIS FOR 1852.

COMMUNICANTS—Added		757
" Removed and withdrawn.....		332
" Suspended.....		5
" Died.....		117
Losses by removals, suspensions, withdrawals, and death		454
Nett gain		303
Total number of communicants in the Parishes as far as ascertained		5842
BAPTISMS.—Adults { white.....	80	
{ colored.....	13	
Total	— 93	
" Infants { white.....	629	
{ colored.....	136	
Total	— 765	858
Confirmations		440
Marriages		314
Funerals		562
Number of Families		
Contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church		\$32,980

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND.

Received at Richmond, 1852.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Accomac.....	St. James's.....	St. James's.....	\$17 00
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. George's & St. Michael's.....	9 00
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	St. Paul's & Buck Mountain.....	34 41
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Christ, Charlottesville.....	52 00
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	25 0
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Walker's.....	24 00
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	Christ.....	120 00
Alexandria.....	.....	St. Paul's.....	158 00
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	27 00
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Trinity, Staunton.....	90 00
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	22 00
Bedford.....	West Russell.....	St. Thomas's.....	5 00
Bedford.....	Hammer.....	St. Stephen's.....	65 00
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's.....	13 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Christ.....	28 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Calvary & Mt. Zion.....	24 00
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Martinsburg.....	42 00
Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	Fincastle.....	30 00
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan.....	19 00
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	38 00
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	24 00
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	14 00
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....	153 00
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	30 00
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal.....	27 00
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	23 00
Charles City.....	Westover.....	.....	38 00
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	Trinity.....	16 00
Powhatan.....	King William.....		
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Grace & Wickliffe.....	94 00
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ.....	57 00
Clarke, in full for 1850, delinquency.....	.....	Christ.....	5 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	36 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. James's.....	28 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	7 00
Culpeper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	2 50
Cumberland.....	Littleton.....	Grace.....	21 00
Cumberland.....	Littleton.....	St. James's.....	10 00
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....	4 00
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.....	49 00
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	Centurion, Old Point.....	22 00
Essex.....	.....	St. Ann's.....	25 00
Essex.....	South Farnham.....	.....	37 10
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....	16 00
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Fall's.....	7 00
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James's, Warrenton.....	56 00
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. Stephen's.....	8 00
Fauquier.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	32 00
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity.....	26 00
Flovanna.....	Rivanna.....	.....	19 00
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester.....	99 00
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas's.....	15 00
Gloucester.....	Abingdon & Ware.....	Abingdon & Ware.....	44 25
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Number of Families			
Contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church.....			\$32,980

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James's.....	1
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	20
Arch'd. Thweate, Dinwiddie.....			1
Miss Catherine Nelson, York Town.....			1
Donation by a friend.....			1
			<hr/> \$5,000

C.

AMOUNT PAID TO DELINQUENCIES OF THE CONTINGENT FUND.

Clarke county, Frederick Parish, in full of 1850.....	\$1
Mecklenburg county, in full of 1851.....	1
Madison county, Bloomfield Parish.....	1
	<hr/> \$10

D.

PARISHES AND CHURCHES WHICH APPEAR DELINQUENT FOR 1851.

Bedford county, West Russell Parish, St. Thomas's Church.....	\$11
Bedford county, Russell Parish, Trinity Church.....	7
Buckingham county, Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.....	3
Albemarle county, Fredericksville Parish, St. Paul's and Buck Mountain Chs.....	6
Augusta county, Boyden Chapel.....	6
Accomack county, St. George's Parish, St. George's and St. Michael's Churches.....	2
Caroline county, St. Margaret's Parish, St. Margaret's Church.....	1
Essex county, South Farnham Parish.....	10
Fairfax county, Falls Church.....	5
Fairfax county, Truro Parish, Zion Church.....	5
Hampshire county, Hampshire Parish.....	13
Franklin county, Franklin Parish.....	10
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.....	20
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry.....	15
Jefferson county, St. Andrew's Parish, Zion Church, Charlestown.....	15
Lewis, Harrison and Monongahela counties, S. D. Tompkins, missionary.....	45
Lunenburg county, Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches.....	5
Madison county, Bloomfield Parish.....	3
Marshall county, Trinity Parish.....	14
Brooke county, St. John's Parish.....	40
Brooke county, Christ Church Parish.....	12
Ohio county, St. John's Parish, St. John's Church.....	62
Petersburg, Grace Church.....	62
Pittsylvania county, Camden Parish.....	14
Powhatan county, St. James's Southam.....	5
Rappahannock county, Bloomfield Parish.....	4
Rockbridge county, Latimer Parish, Grace Church, Lexington.....	9
Surry county, Southwark Parish, Old Church.....	5
Spotsylvania county, Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church.....	3
Wetzel county, Wetzel Parish, St. Paul's Church, New Martinsville.....	9
Westmoreland county, Montross Parish, St. James's Church.....	2
Westmoreland county, Cople Parish, Oak Grove Church.....	9
Westmoreland county, Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.....	2
Wood county, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg.....	16
York county, Yorkhampton Parish.....	6

\$464

A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,
*With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in
the order of the Counties.*

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Accomac.....	St. James's.....	St. James's.....	(Vacant.)
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. George's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Accomac.....	St. George's.....	St. Michael's.....	J. Ambler Weed.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Buck Mountain.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	St. Paul's.....	S. R. Slack.
Albemarle.....	Fredericksville.....	Christ, Charlottesville	R. K. Meade.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Trinity No Garden..	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	St. Anne's.....	Christ.....	C. E. Ambler.
Albemarle.....	Walker's.....	Walker's.....	E. Boyden.
Amelia.....	Raleigh.....	Grubb Hill.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	St. Luke's, N. Glas-	
		gow.....	E. Christian.
Amherst.....	Lexington.....	Ascension, Amh't ch.	(Vacant.)
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Trinity, Staunton...	T. T. Castleman.
Augusta.....	Augusta.....	Boyden Chapel.....	J. C. Wheat.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	Christ, Alexandria..	C. B. Dana.
Alexandria.....	Fairfax.....	St. Paul's, Alexandria	J. T. Johneton.
Bedford.....	Russell.....	Trinity.....	(Vacant.)
Bedford.....	West Russell.....	St. Thomas.....	Nelson Sale.
Bedford.....	Heber.....	St. John's, Liberty..	J. A. Wharton, offic'g
Bedford.....	Hamner.....	St. Stephen's.....	O. A. Kinsolving.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Mt. Zion, Hedgesville	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Trinity, Martinsburg	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Calvary.....	D. F. Sprigg.
Berkeley.....	Norborne.....	Christ.....	C. M. Callaway.
Botetourt.....	Botetourt.....	Grace.....	F. M. Baker.
Botetourt.....	Woodville.....	Trinity, Buchanan..	F. M. Baker.
Brooke.....	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	S. D. Tompkins.
Brooke.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	S. D. Tompkins.
Brunswick.....	St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's.....	R. P. Johnson.
Buckingham.....	Tillotson.....	St. Peter's.....	W. C. Meredith.
Campbell.....	Moore.....	St. John's.....	W. H. Kinckle, offic'g
Campbell.....	Lynchburg.....	St. Paul's, Lynchburg	W. H. Kinckle.
Caroline.....	St. Margaret's.....	St. Margaret's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	St. Peter's, Port Royal	W. Friend.
Caroline.....	St. Mary's.....	Grace.....	A. Shiras.
Charles City.....	Westover.....		W. T. Leavell.
Charlotte.....	Cornwall.....	Roanoke.....	(Vacant.)
Chesterfield.....	Dale.....	Trinity.....	A. B. Tizzard.
Clarke.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Millwood...	J. F. Hoff.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Grace, Berryville...	J. Peterkin.
Clarke.....	Wickliffe.....	Wickliffe.....	J. Peterkin.
Culpepper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Stephen's.....	John Cole.

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Culpepper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. James's.....	John Cole.
Culpepper.....	St. Mark's.....	St. Paul's.....	John Cole.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	Grace.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	St. James'.....	O. Bulkley.
Cumberland.....	Lyttleton.....	St. Paul's.....	O. Bulkley.
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Sapony.....	(Vacant.)
Dinwiddie.....	Bath.....	Calvary.....	(Vacant.)
Elizabeth City.....	Elizabeth City.....	St. John's, Hampton.....	C. McCabe.
Elizabeth City.....	Old Point.....	Centurion, Old Point.....	M. L. Chevers.
Essex.....	St. Anne's.....		J. P. McGuire.
Essex.....	South Farnham.....		J. P. McGuire.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	Zion.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fairfax.....	Truro.....	St. John's.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fairfax.....	Fairfax.....	Falls.....	W. F. Lockwood.
Fauquier.....	Hamilton.....	St. James', Warrenton.....	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Cedar Run.....	St. Stephen's.....	G. H. Norton.
Fauquier.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	W. H. Pendleton.
Fauquier.....	Meade.....	Trinity.....	R. H. Wilmer.
Fauquier.....	Piedmont.....	Trinity, Salem.....	C. H. Shield.
Fluvanna.....	Rivanna.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Franklin.....	Franklin.....	At Court House.....	A. Wade.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	Christ, Winchester.....	C. Walker.
Frederick.....	Frederick.....	St. Thomas', Middle- town.....	W. N. Irish.
Gloucester.....	Abingdon.....	Abingdon.....	Charles Mann.
Gloucester.....	Ware.....	Ware.....	Charles Mann.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.....	St. Paul's.....	F. M. Whittle.
Goochland.....	St. James' Northam.....	Beaverdam.....	F. M. Whittle.
Greensville.....	Mcherrin.....	Grace.....	P. G. Robert.
Greensville.....	Mcherrin.....	Christ.....	P. G. Robert.
Halifax.....	Antrim.....	St. John's.....	John Grammer.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Brick.....	J. T. Clark.
Halifax.....	Roanoke.....	Catawba.....	J. T. Clark.
Hanover.....	St. Martin's.....	Fork.....	Wm. V. Bowers.
Hanover.....	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	W. Norwood, D. D.
Hampshire.....	Hampshire.....	St. Paul's.....	} W. N. Irish.
		Frankfort.....	
		Zion.....	
Harrison.....	Clarksburg.....	Bethel.....	(Vacant.)
Henrico.....	Henrico.....	St. John's.....	H. S. Keppler.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Monumental.....	George Woodbridge.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. Paul's.....	Alexander Jones, D. D.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	St. James's.....	Adam Empie, D. D.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Christ.....	J. J. Page.
Henrico.....	Richmond City.....	Armory.....	J. J. Page.
Henry.....	Patrick.....	Christ.....	A. Wade.
Ile of Wight.....	Newport.....	Christ, Smithfield...	H. T. Wilcoxon.

TOWNS.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Wright.	Newport.....	Old Church	H. T. Wilcoxon.
Wright.	Bruton.....	—, Williamsburg. (Vacant.)	
Wright.	St. Andrew's.....	Zion, Charlestown..	D. A. Tyng.
Wright.	St. Andrew's.....	Trinity, Shepherdst'n	C. W. Andrews.
Wright.	St. Andrew's.....	St. John's, Harper's Ferry.....	H. Stringfellow, jr.
Wright.	St. Andrew's.....	St. Bartholomew's, Lestown.....	C. McK. Callaway.
Wright.	Kadawha	St. John's, Charleston	R. T. Brown.
Wright.	Kanawha	St. Luke's, Salinas.	R. T. Brown.
Wright.	Kanawha	St. Mark's, Coalsm'th	(Vacant.)
Wright.	St. Paul's.....	St. Paul's.....	B. B. Leacock.
Wright.	Hanover.....	St. John's.....	William Friend.
Wright.	St. David's.....	St. David's.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	W. N. Ward, and J.
Wright.	Christ Church.....	White Chapel	Towles, officiating.
Wright.	Shelburne.....	St. Paul's, Weston..	(Vacant.)
Wright.	Meade.....	St. James'.....	George Adie.
Wright.	Meade.....	Emanuel.....	R. H. Wilmer.
Wright.	Green Spring.....	St. John's.....	E. Boyden.
Wright.	Trinity.....	Trinity	John Cooke.
Wright.	Cumberland.....	St. John's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Wright.	Cumberland.....	St. Paul's.....	Thomas E. Locke.
Wright.	Bloomfield.....	Piedmont	Joseph Earnest.
Wright.	Bloomfield.....	Trinity	Joseph Earnest.
Wright.	Trinity.....	.....	William L. Hyland.
Wright.	.....	Bruce Chapel.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	.....	Point Pleasant.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	Kingston.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway,
Wright.	St. James'.....	Old Church.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	St. James'.....	St. James'.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	St. James'.....	St. Andrew's.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	St. Luke's.....	St. Luke's.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	St. Luke's.....	Clarksville.....	T. E. Locke.
Wright.	Christ Church.....	Christ.....	G. S. Carraway.
Wright.	Suffolk	St. Paul's.....	A. S. Smith.
Wright.	Chuckatuck.....	St. John's.....	
Wright.	Nelson.....	Trinity.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Wright.	Nelson.....	Callaway.....	F. D. Goodwin.
Wright.	Nelson.....	Rockfish.....	(Vacant.)
Wright.	Nelson.....	St. Paul's, N. Market	
Wright.	Nelson.....	Grace	
Wright.	St. Peter's.....	St. Peter's.....	W. Norwood, D. D.
Wright.	Elizabeth River.....	Christ, Norfolk city.	G. D. Cummins.
Wright.	Elizabeth River.....	St. Paul's.....	Wm. M. Jackson.
Wright.	Portsmouth.....	Trinity, Portsmouth.	J. H. Wingfield.
Wright.	Portsmouth.....	St. John's.....	James Chisholm.

COUNTIES.	PARISHES.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.
Northampton.....	Hungars.....	Hungars.....	J. Rawson, D. D.
Northampton.....	Hungars.....	Christ.....	J. Rawson, D. D.
Ohio, Wheeling.....		St. Matthew's.....	Wm. Armstrong.
Ohio.....	St. John's.....	St. John's.....	Jas. D. McCabe, D. D.
Orange.....	St. Thomas'.....	St. Thomas'.....	Joseph Earnest.
Petersburg.....	Bristol.....	St. Paul's.....	H. Stringfellow.
Petersburg.....	Bristol.....	Grace.....	C. J. Gibson.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Epiphany.....	G. W. Dame.
Pittsylvania.....	Camden.....	Emanuel.....	G. W. Dame.
Powhatan.....	Genito.....	Grace.....	P. F. Berkeley.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	St. Luke's.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	St. James', Southam	Immanuel.....	Andrew Fisher.
Powhatan.....	King William.....		A. B. Tizzard.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Chapel.....	Lewis Walke.
Princess Ann.....	Lynnhaven.....	Emanuel.....	Lewis Walke.
Prince George.....	City Point.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon...	Merchants' Hope...	C. Minnigerode.
Prince George.....	Martin's Brandon...	Old Brandon.....	C. Minnigerode.
Prince William.....	Dettingen.....	St. James'.....	John Towles.
Prince William.....	Leeds.....	St. Paul's.....	John Towles.
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	Winfield.....	(Vacant.)
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	St. John's.....	(Vacant.)
Putnam.....	St. Paul's.....	Teaye's Valley.....	(Vacant.)
Rappahannock.....	Bloomfield.....		W. H. Pendleton.
Richmond.....	Lunenburg.....		W. N. Ward.
Richmond.....	Farnham.....		W. N. Ward.
Roanoke.....	Salem.....		G. T. Wilmer.
Rockbridge.....	Latimer.....	Grace, Lexington...	L. P. Clover.
Rockingham.....	Rockingham.....	P. Republic.....	J. C. Wheat.
Spottsylvania.....	St. George's.....	St. George's, Freder-	
		icksburg.....	E. C. McGuire, D. D.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	Christ.....	D. M. Wharton.
Spottsylvania.....	Berkeley.....	St. John's.....	D. M. Wharton.
Surry.....	Southwark.....	Lower Surry.....	J. C. McCabe.
Sussex.....	Albemarle.....	Immanuel.....	(Vacant.)
Washington.....	Holston.....	St. Thomas', Abingd'n	(Vacant.)
Westmoreland.....	Washington.....	St. Peter's.....	Wm. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Cople.....	Oak Grove.....	E. B. McGuire.
Westmoreland.....	Montross.....	St. James's.....	Wm. McGuire.
Wood.....	Trinity.....	Parkersburg.....	E. T. Perkins.
Wythe.....	Wytheville.....		(Vacant.)
Wetzel.....	Wetzel.....	St. Paul's.....	J. D. McCabe.
York.....	York-Hampton.....	Grace.....	(Vacant.)

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AN ACT
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

New Code of Virginia, Chap. 77, page 362.

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§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The circuit court of the county or corporation, wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees, having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their name, in behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant

o such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

**NOTE.**—On the 3d of February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship,” which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which took effect on the 1st July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be *devised* for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be *conveyed by deed* in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalized a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial place, or parsonage.

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The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy :

*New Code, Chapter 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.*

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnised, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnise their marriages by the consent of the parties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnised, *within three months thereafter*; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose, with a proper index thereto; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person, celebrating a marriage, or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, *he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.*

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*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or ————— ex-  
ecutors, or administrators, of such survivor, (should such survivor die be-  
fore this will takes effect,) ————— for the Theological  
Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, to be paid to the  
Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of said A. B. and C. D., the  
survivor or executor, or administrators of such survivor, shall be a suffi-  
cient discharge to my executor. And this legacy is to be paid by my  
executors, as above directed, whether the person to whom the payment as  
above directed is to be made shall be under any legal obligation to apply it  
as above described or not; it being my intention, that no kindred or other  
legatee of mine shall take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any inter-  
est or trust in the said legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as  
directed, so that, if the person who may receive it shall not voluntarily  
apply it to the use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be  
compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of said  
legacy."

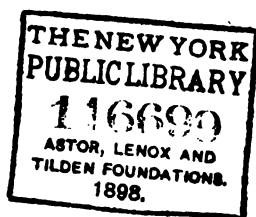
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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rector.

|                                                                                                                                                  | Total.                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Baptisms.—White adults, —; white infants, —; }<br>“ Colored adults, —; colored infants, —; }                                                     | _____                   |
| Communicants.—Added, white, —; colored, —;.....<br>“ Removed, —; withdrawn, —; suspended, —;.....<br>“ Present number—white, —; colored, —;..... | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| Confirmed.—White, —; colored, —;.....                                                                                                            | _____                   |
| Marriages.—White, —; colored, —;.....                                                                                                            | _____                   |
| Funerals.—White, —; colored, —;.....                                                                                                             | _____                   |
| Sunday-Schools, —; Teachers, —; Scholars, —; Families, —.                                                                                        |                         |
| Amount of contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church, \$——.                                                                           |                         |
| Post-Office, _____                                                                                                                               |                         |
| Remarks—                                                                                                                                         |                         |

[Number of white communicants to be handed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.]

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry (or Trustees, as the case may be), of \_\_\_\_\_ parish (or Church) in \_\_\_\_\_ county, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a communicant in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Rector.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Register,  
or Church Warden.

PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

|                 |       |                   |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| LYNCHBURG—      | Third | Wednesday in May, | 1854. |
| FREDERICKSBURG  | “     | “                 | 1855. |
| PETERSBURG      | “     | “                 | 1856. |
| WINCHESTER      | “     | “                 | 1857. |
| NORFOLK         | “     | “                 | 1858. |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE | “     | “                 | 1859. |
| ALEXANDRIA      | “     | “                 | 1860. |
| STAUNTON        | “     | “                 | 1861. |
| RICHMOND        | “     | “                 | 1862. |
| WHEELING        | “     | “                 | 1863. |

# DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Esq., *Richmond.*

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### DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

MAY 18, 1853.

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- 1. Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post-Office, Clarke County.
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- 8. WILLIAM V. BOWERS, St. Martin's Parish, Verdon, Hanover County.
- 9. O. BULKLEY, Lyttleton Parish, Langhorne's, Cumberland County.
- 10. E. BOYDEN, Walker's Parish, Albemarle County; Post-Office, Cobham Depot.
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- 18. M. L. CHEVERS, Centurian Church, Old Point.
- 19. JOHN W. CHIVERS, Amelia County.
- 20. JOHN T. CLARKE, Roanoke Parish; Post-Office, Midland, Charlotte County.
- 21. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
- 22. JOHN COOKE, officiating in Louisa Ætna, Hanover County.
- 23. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst Court House.
- 24. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex; Post-Office, Urbana.
- 25. LEWIS P. CLOVER, Grace Church, Lexington.
- 26. C. M. CALLOWAY, Jefferson County; Post-Office, Middleway.
- 27. G. H. DAME, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.
- 28. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
- 29. JAMES DOUGHER, residing in Lynchburg.

- Rev. E. A. DALRYMPLE.  
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 Rev. W. T. LEAVELL, Westover Parish, Charles City Court House.  
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 Rev. WM. C. McGUIRE, Westmoreland County.  
 Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham County.  
 Rev. R. M. MITCHESON, residing in Philadelphia.  
 Rev. WM. NORWOOD, D. D., Old Church Post-Office, Hanover County.  
 Rev. G. H. NORTON, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, Warrenton.  
 Rev. JOS. PACKARD, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Fairfax.  
 Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Leeds Parish, Fauquier, Leeds Manor, Fauquier County.  
 Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS, Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, Staunton.  
 Rev. E. PERKINS, Trinity Parish, Parkersburg, Wood County.  
 Rev. A. PAGE, Weston, Lewis County.  
 Rev. LAWSON, D. D., Hungar's Parish, Northampton County.  
 Rev. ROBERT, Meherrin Parish; Post-Office, Hicksford, Greenville County.

- Rev. PHILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent Colonization Society of Virginia; Post-Office, Fredericksburg.
- Rev. NELSON SALE, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford County.
- Rev. HORACE STEINGFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.
- Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.
- Rev. GEORGE A. SMITH, Editor *Southern Churchman*, Alexandria.
- Rev. ARISTIDES SMITH, officiating at St. Paul's, Suffolk; Post-Office, Norfolk.
- Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Norfolk.
- Rev. CHARLES H. SHIELD, Salem, Fauquier County.
- Rev. S. R. SLACK, Fredericksville Parish, Mechum's River, Albemarle.
- Rev. WM. SPARROW, D. D., Professor Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary, Fairfax.
- Rev. SILAS D. TOTTON, D. D., Professor in William and Mary College, Williamsburg.
- Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, officiating in Essex, Miller's Tavern, Essex.
- Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Milford Mills, Prince William.
- Rev. A. B. TIZARD, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, King William Parish, Powhatan; Post-Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield County.
- Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Wellsburg, Brooke County.
- Rev. WILLIAM N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Richmond County; Post-Office, Lyell's Store.
- Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Berkley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
- Rev. JOHN A. WHARTON, Liberty Post-Office, Bedford.
- Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germanna, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County; Post-Office, Forrest Depot.
- Rev. G. T. WILMER, Salenur Parish, Roanoke County.
- Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.
- Rev. LEWIS WALKER, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne; Norfolk Post-Office.
- Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
- Rev. J. AMBLEE WEED, St. George's Parish, Pungoteague, Accomack.
- Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Grace Church, Berryville, Clarke County.
- Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish; Post-Office, Martinsville, Henry Co.
- Rev. J. A. WHEAT, Vice-Principal Virginia Female Institute, and Rector of Rockingham Parish.
- Rev. HENRY WALL, Grace Church, Caroline County.

## LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF THE  
PARISHES AND CHURCHES REPRESENTED BY THEM.

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*Albemarle County*—Charles T. Merriwether, Walker's Parish.

*Berkley County*—William Pendleton, Norborne Parish; David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.

*Bedford County*—W. C. Leftwitch, St. Stephen's Church.

*Brooke County*—George W. Veasey, St. John's Church; Thomas Kirk, Christ Church Parish.

*Clarke County*—Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish; John E. Page, Christ Church, Millwood.

*Elizabeth City County*—Charles C. Shelton, Elizabeth City County Parish.

*Hanover County*—Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish.

*Harrison County*—G. R. C. Allen, Christ Church, Clarksburg.

*Jackson County*—Burditt Fitzhugh, Ravenswood Parish.

*King George County*—Edward T. Tayloe, St. John's Church; Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Parish.

*Kanawha County*—Francis Thompson, St. Martin's Parish.

*Lynchburg*—Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church.

*Lancaster County*—John Chewning, Christ Church Parish.

*Loudon County*—Dr. Thomas H. Claggett, St. James's Church, Shelburne Parish; Thomas M. Boyle, Meade Parish.

*Lewis County*—Robert J. McCandlish, St. Paul's Church, Weston.

*Marshall County*—Isaac Hoge, Trinity Parish.

*Norfolk City*—Christopher Hall, Christ Church; A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church.

*New Kent County*—Francis Nelson, St. Peter's Church.

*Princess Anne County*—Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish.

*Petersburg*—Peter R. Davis, St. Paul's Church.

*Pleasant County*—Samuel Hammett, St. John's Church.

*Portsmouth*—Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church.

*Richmond City*—Robert B. Duvall, St. James's Church.

*Winchester*—John Bruce, Christ Church.

*Wheeling*—Andrew P. Woods, St. Matthew's Church; Henry Tallant, St. John's Church.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.

2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

4th. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

7th. While the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10th. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.



14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and farther debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen, and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention; and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:—

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29th. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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WHEELING, VA., *May* 18, 1853.

This being the day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled 10 o'clock A. M. in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.

Morning service was read by the Rev. John Grammer and the Rev. M. Norwood, D. D.; and, in the absence of the reverend gentleman appointed to deliver the usual opening Convention Sermon, the Convention was favored with a sermon from the Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.

After the sermon, the Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Johns (the Bishop of the Diocese being absent), took the chair, and called the Convention to order.

J. F. Lee, Esq., the Secretary of the Convention, not having arrived, L. Seabury, the former Assistant Secretary, was called upon to officiate as Secretary *pro tem.*, who thereupon proceeded to call the roll of the members entitled to seats in this Convention. The following gentlemen answered to their names:—

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,  
 Rev. C. W. Andrews,  
 " C. E. Ambler,  
 " William Armstrong.  
 " William V. Bowers,  
 " Francis M. Baker,  
 " T. T. Castleman,  
 " Geo. D. Cummins,  
 " James Chisholm,  
 " John T. Clarke,  
 " G. S. Carraway,  
 " C. M. Calloway,  
 " H. M. Dennison,  
 " William Friend,  
 " Andrew Fisher,  
 " John Grammer,  
 " C. J. Gibson,  
 " J. F. Hoff,  
 " William L. Hyland,

Rev. William M. Jackson,  
 " Alexander Jones, D. D.,  
 " Thomas E. Locke,  
 " Charles Mann,  
 " Charles Minnigerode,  
 " James D. McCabe,  
 " John C. McCabe,  
 " William Norwood, D. D.,  
 " G. H. Norton,  
 " E. T. Perkins,  
 " James A. Page,  
 " S. R. Slack,  
 " William Sparrow, D. D.,  
 " S. D. Tompkins,  
 " Edmund Withers,  
 " Lewis Walke,  
 " Cornelius Walker,  
 " F. M. Whittle,  
 " R. A. Castleman,

Rev. J. W. Chesley.

The Assistant Secretary desiring the appointment of some other gentleman as Secretary *pro tem.*, the Rev. Geo. D. Cummins was, on motion, elected to that office, A. L. Seabury continuing to act as Assistant Secretary.

The Chair appointed Dr. Thos. H. Claggett Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Convention.

Rev. C. J. Gibson, Charles Merriwether, Esq., and Col. John Chewning were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who reported the following gentlemen duly elected: who accordingly took their seats in the Convention:—

Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.  
 Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County.  
 John Chewning, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.  
 A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk City.  
 David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.  
 Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.  
 Henry Tallant, St. John's Church, Wheeling.  
 Thos. H. Claggett, St. James's Church, Shelburne, Loudon County.  
 Peter B. Davis, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.  
 Andrew P. Woods, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.  
 William Pendleton, Norborne Parish, Berkley County.  
 George W. Veasey, St. John's Church, Brooke County.  
 Francis Nelson, St. Peter's Church, New Kent County.  
 Hugh N. Pendleton, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County.  
 Edward T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, King George County.  
 John E. Page, Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke County.  
 Thomas Kirk, Christ Church Parish, Brooke County.  
 Burditt Fitzhugh, Ravenswood Parish, Jackson County.  
 Charles T. Merriwether, Walker's Parish, Albemarle County.  
 Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Parish, King George County.  
 Christopher Hall, Christ Church, Norfolk City.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

On motion, clergymen present from other Dioceses were invited to take seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 3½ o'clock P. M., in Union Hall.

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3½ o'clock P. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment.

The Secretary read the report of George M. Carrington, Esq., Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton, showing a sum total received for that object of \$2,843 04. (For copy of report see Appendix No. 2.)

The following resolution was offered and adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to obtain information, and report some plan to the next Convention for the relief of disabled clergymen.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen such committee:—

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| Rev. Charles Minnigerode, | Rev. G. H. Norton,        |
| “ William Norwood, D. D., | William MacFarland, Esq., |
| John O. Steger, Esq.      |                           |

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, who were not present this morning, now appeared:—

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| Rev. W. T. Leavell,    | Rev. P. F. Berkley, |
| “ George A. Smith,     | “ C. B. Dana,       |
| Rev. O. A. Kinsolving. |                     |

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported the following gentlemen, who were not present this morning, as duly elected delegates to this Convention, and they accordingly took their seats:—

John Bruce, Christ Church, Winchester.  
 Robert R. Duvall, St. James's Church, Richmond.  
 Isaac Hoge, Trinity Parish, Marshall County.

Rev. Mr. Whittle gave notice of his intention to move an amendment to the second section of Canon 11th of the Diocese of Virginia.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet in St. Matthew's Church at 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 8½ o'clock A. M., May 19, 1853.

The Convention met at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. John Johns.

The Secretary then read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

On motion, the election of the Standing Committees, and of Delegates to the General Convention, was made the order of business for 4 o'clock P. M.

The President read a letter from C. F. Lee, Esq., the Secretary of the Convention, regretting his inability to be present at this Convention, and resigning his office as Secretary; and, on motion, his resignation was received, and the thanks of the Convention tendered him for his past services.

On motion, the Secretary *pro tem.*, the Rev. Geo. D. Cummins, was elected Secretary of the Convention.

The President announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:—

*Committee on the State of the Church:*

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| Rev. William Sparrow, D. D., | D. H. Conrad, Esq.,      |
| “ Alexander Jones, D. D.,    | E. T. Tayloe, “          |
| “ William Armstrong,         | C. T. Merriwether, Esq., |
| “ Horace Stringfellow,       | Henry Tallant, “         |
| “ William M. Jackson,        | John Chewning, “         |

*Committee on the Fund for the Support of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen :*

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| Rev. John Grammer,   | Philip Nelson, Esq.,  |
| " William V. Bowers, | Thurmur Hoggard, Esq. |

*Committee on the Episcopal Fund :*

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| Rev. C. B. Dana, | Francis Nelson, Esq., |
| " P. F. Berkley, | D. B. Fitzhugh, "     |
| " J. C. McCabe,  | H. N. Pendleton, "    |

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society :*

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| Rev. T. T. Castleman, | William Pendleton, Esq., |
| " James Chisholm,     | Thomas Kirk, "           |
| " W. T. Leavell.      |                          |

*Committee on Parochial Reports :*

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| Rev. C. J. Gibson, | John E. Page, Esq.,     |
| " C. Walker,       | Burditt Fitzhugh, Esq., |
| " Jas. D. McCabe,  | G. W. Veasey, "         |
| " E. T. Perkins,   |                         |
| " S. R. Slack.     |                         |

*Committee on New Parishes :*

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| Rev. Charles Mann, | Andrew P. Woods, Esq., |
| " C. W. Andrews,   | Robert R. Duvall, "    |
| " H. M. Dennison,  | John Bruce, "          |

*Committee on Elections :*

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| Rev. J. F. Hoff, | Christopher Hall, Esq., |
| " J. T. Clarke.  |                         |

*Committee on Finance :*

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| E. T. Tayloe, Esq., | T. H. Claggett, Esq., |
| S. W. Shelton.      |                       |

The Bishop of the Diocese being detained from the Convention by ill health, his report was not at this time presented, but is here inserted:—

**BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.**

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: My episcopal duties commenced immediately after the last Convention. Two services were held in Goochland County; one at Beaver Dam Church; another at a borrowed, or common house of worship; St. Paul's Church having been destroyed by fire. Only one person was confirmed in that county. I spent one day at the church in Columbia, Fluvanna County, confirmed three; one day at St. Paul's, Powhatan County, confirmed one; one day at Emanuel Church, in the same, confirmed one; two days at Genito Bridge, in the same, confirmed one; two days in Chesterfield County; two days in Amelia; consecrated a new church at Grub Hill, and confirmed five; one day at St. James's, Cumberland, confirmed four; one day at Ca-Ira; one day at Curdsville, confirmed one; one day at Buckingham C. H.; one day at Trinity Church, Nelson County; one day at New Market, confirmed two; one day at Green Mountain, Albemarle County, confirmed one; two days at Charlottesville, confirmed twenty-two; two days at Staunton, confirmed seven; two days at Harrisonburg, Rockingham

County, confirmed three; attended the usual services at the Seminary in July, and ordained the following gentlemen deacons: W. H. Brooks, John W. Chesley, John M. Chivers, Robert A. Castleman, Thomas F. Martin, Archibald M. Morrison, Joseph A. Russell, Hugh Roy Scott.

I visited Alexandria again in August, for the purpose of attending to the affairs of the High School, over which the Rev. John P. McGuire had been chosen Principal. In the month of August, admitted the Rev. Mr. Hanson to Priest's Orders. In the month of September, made another visitation, commencing at Middletown, in Frederick County, and spending one day therein; thence to Port Republic, in Augusta County, spending one day there, and confirming one. Spent one day at the Chapel near Staunton; two days at Lexington, in Rockbridge County, confirmed eight; one day at Fincastle, confirmed four; one day at the Licks, Roanoke County, confirmed two; two days at Franklin C. H., confirmed eight; a church is about to be built at this place. Spent one day at Liberty, in Bedford County, confirmed two; one day at Trinity, confirmed four; one day at Thomas's, confirmed four; one day at Trinity, confirmed one; two days at Lynchburg, confirmed twenty-six. In the month of October, attended an ecclesiastical court in New Jersey. In the month of November, visited the churches in Jefferson and Berkley. Spent two days at Harper's Ferry, confirmed four; the church being in part unpaid for, could not be consecrated; it is hoped the difficulty will soon be removed. Spent one day at Shepherdstown, confirmed eight; one day at Martinsburg, confirmed five; one day at Hedgesville, confirmed three; one day at Buck Creek; two days at Bunker's Hill, consecrated a new church, confirmed ten; one day at Leetown, in Jefferson County; two days at Smithfield, consecrated a new church, and confirmed five persons. It was my purpose to have visited the churches on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Princess Ann, Old Point, Hampton, Petersburg, and Richmond this spring, but was prevented by bodily indisposition; these, by divine permission, will be attended to in the fall. The candidates for holy orders, which have been admitted during the past year, are as follows: Charles K. Howard, James J. Sams, T. G. Dashiell, W. M. Nelson, R. W. Nowlin, Ed. Anthon, C. M. Williams, E. M. Rodman, P. A. Johnson, H. H. Holcomb, Thomas Duncan, Robert Gatewood.

Clergymen dismissed to other Dioceses: Rev. Mr. Morrison to Massachusetts; Rev. Messrs. Lockwood, Wilcoxon, and Stringfellow, to Maryland; Rev. Mr. McElroy and Tyng to Ohio; Rev. Mr. Peterkin to New Jersey; and Rev. Mr. Johnson to South Carolina. In return for these, I am not aware that more than two have come into our field from other Dioceses; the letters dismissory of one of these have not yet been sent to me. The Rev. Mr. Wall, from South Carolina, has been received by regular testimonials. If it be supposed by any that the young ministers received from our Seminary at the close of each session, enables us thus to spare so many, and such valuable laborers, we must correct the mistake, by stating, that what with the large supply from our Seminary to the foreign field, to which not less than six of its present students are devoted, and with those who each year return to their several Dioceses, we are left without the means of supplying a number of our vacant parishes. Although it be not true, as was stated by many of the secular as well as religious papers during the past year, that twenty-seven of our parishes, and among them many of our best, were destitute; yet still there are enough of the smaller ones unsupplied to cast a heavy burden on the hearts of the Bishops when they are unable to furnish such supply. And we here again call on the faithful who believe in, and make trial of the efficacy of prayer, to call more and more earnestly



on the great Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into this and every other gospel field upon the earth.

WILLIAM MEADE.

The Rt. Rev. John Johns, the Assistant Bishop, read his report, as follows:—

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

After the closing sermon at the Convention in Richmond, my first services were at Smithfield, Isle of Wight, where I preached, June 1st, in the morning, and confirmed four persons; and again at night, and confirmed one. 6th, I preached in Williamsburg. 8th, I preached in Abingdon Church, Gloucester, and confirmed one. 9th, I preached in Ware Church, and confirmed one. 10th, I consecrated Trinity Church, Matthews County. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; service by the Rev. Mr. Mann; sermon by myself. This is a very neat frame building, conveniently arranged, well located, and completed at comparatively small expense, much to the credit of the already respectable congregation by which it is frequented. 11th, I preached in Christ Church, Middlesex, and confirmed two. 12th, at night I preached in the church at Tappahannock. 13th, I preached in the same church, and confirmed one. 14th, I preached in St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed six. 15th, I preached at Vauter's Church, and confirmed two. 16th, I preached at Port Royal, and confirmed seven. The same evening, on my route to Grace Church and Bowling Green, I received a letter informing me of the illness of one of my family, and as the Rev. Mr. Friend kindly consented to supply my place, in connection with the only two remaining appointments of the visitation, I thankfully availed myself of his services, and hastened to Williamsburg. 27th, I preached at Williamsburg.

July 9th, after the close of the college session, I left home to be present at the examinations at the Seminary and High School. 12th, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown. At night I had the satisfaction of listening to a faithful sermon by the Right Rev. Bishop Henshaw, who was there to preach and confirm for the Bishop of Maryland, then temporarily disabled by sickness. My acquaintance with Bishop, then Dr. Henshaw, of Baltimore, commenced three and thirty years before, immediately after my admission to Deacon's Orders. Through his agency I was introduced to the first parish which I served, and where I passed nine years of my ministry in much comfort, and, I trust, not without good fruit. On my removal to Baltimore, I was placed side by side with this excellent brother; and there, fourteen years of most harmonious and cordial co-operation, animated by unusual similarity and sympathy in theological views, had matured our early friendship into a strong and steadfast fraternal affection. Such was our relation, when, in 1842, the indication of Providence led me to my new home in this Diocese. The following year I united in the consecration of Dr. Henshaw as Bishop of Rhode Island. Since then our intercourse has been casual and mainly official. It was, therefore, peculiarly gratifying now to meet him in Georgetown, and there in the Diocese with which we had been so long connected, and near the scene of our former ministry, to recur to the years which we had passed together, and revive feelings which had only slumbered during our separation. As he pressed my hand in parting, and urged me to make him an early visit in his ecclesiastical home, I little thought what a few days would bring to pass. The beginning of the next week, a telegraphic dispatch

communicated the afflicting intelligence of his sudden death in the vicinity of Fredericktown, and called his friends to unite in the sad office of performing his obsequies. There, in the very church in which, through his agency, I had commenced my ministry, and in the midst of many most affecting associations, I stood by the coffin-cased corpse of my early friend and beloved brother, to mingle my tears with those of the numerous mourners who wept because of the sore bereavement.

This unexpected dispensation of Providence is well suited to impress us most emphatically with a conviction of the solemn truth that "in the midst of life we are in death," and to quicken us to greater diligence and faithfulness in the eventful and responsible ministry with which we are intrusted, as "we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh."

In resuming my report, I have to state that on the 17th of July, in Christ Church, Alexandria, I assisted Bishop Meade in the services connected with the ordination of several of the Alumni of the Seminary, and admitted to Priest's Orders the Rev. Mr. Leacock. 19th, in the same church I preached and confirmed seven. 26th, I preached at Warrenton. 28th, I preached at Leeds, and confirmed three. 30th, I preached at St. James's Church, Culpepper. 31st, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed two.

August 1st, I preached in St. Stephen's, Culpepper C. H., and confirmed three. At night I preached again in the same church. My next appointment was at Madison C. H., but the recent heavy rains had rendered the roads in that direction impassable; and, as I could not obtain a conveyance, I was obliged to proceed directly to Orange C. H. The continued rain prevented the congregation from assembling, and I was here also compelled to omit the services. 5th, I preached in St. John's, Louisa. 6th, I preached in Walker's Church, Albemarle, and confirmed four. 8th, I preached in the church at Green Mountain. 10th, in company with the Rev. Mr. Slack, I left Charlottesville for the church at Buck Mountain; but it rained so heavily that, after riding a few miles, we were obliged to return. 11th, I preached at St. Paul's, Albemarle, and, in the afternoon, started, in company with the Rev. Mr. Slack, to visit the churches in Amherst County. 18th, I preached at New Glasgow, in St. Luke's Church. 14th, I preached in Ascension Church, Amherst C. H., and confirmed three. 15th, I preached again in the same church. My engagement for the next day was at Lynchburg; but as the Rev. Mr. Kinkle, who came to convey me to his parish, was willing, in consideration of the long vacancy in the churches in Amherst, and the interest of the people in the services in which we had just been engaged, to waive his conditional claim, I remained and officiated the next day also. Since my visit, these churches have obtained the services of the Rev. Mr. Martin.

September 5th, I preached in Christ Church, Baltimore. 12th, in Christ Church, Alexandria. I admitted Mr. ——— Rumney to Deacon's Orders. The morning service was read by the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple; sermon by the Rev. Dr. Butler, of Washington. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Packard. 19th, I preached in Trinity Church, Washington. 26th, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown, and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

October 6th, I left home, to attend the Ecclesiastical Court in New Jersey, and remained until its adjournment. During its session, I preached twice in the city of Philadelphia: 12th, in the Church of the Epiphany; 19th, in Grace Church.

On my return to Williamsburg, I immediately published a series of appointments for the Northern Neck, and several adjacent counties.

November 9th, I preached at St. Peter's, Port Royal, and confirmed six persons. This was the second confirmation in this church during the year. 10th, I preached in St. John's, King George County. 11th, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed fourteen. 12th, I preached at Oak Grove. 18th, I preached at Westmoreland C. H., and confirmed one. 14th, I preached at Yeocomico, and confirmed two. 15th, at Warsaw, I found that, in consequence of a mistake in the printed list of my appointments, I was not expected until the following day; but as it was appropriated to the next parish, I was obliged to pass on, leaving the Rev. Mr. Withers to officiate for those who might assemble. 16th, At North Farnum, the repairs of the building not being completed, rooms were offered in the tavern in the vicinity, where I preached to a very attentive congregation. 17th, I preached at White Chapel, and confirmed two. 18th, I consecrated Grace Church, Kilmarnock, Lancaster County. Morning service was read by the Rev. Mr. Carroway, the sentence of consecration by the Rector, sermon by myself. 19th, I preached in Christ Church. The next morning, before day, I took the steamboat for Fredericksburg, and arrived there at 9 P. M. 21st, I preached in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, and confirmed six. At night I preached again in the same church. 22d, I preached in Grace Church, Caroline, and confirmed one. 23d, I preached in the church at the Bowling Green. These two churches, which had continued without a minister since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Shiraz, have secured the services of the Rev. Mr. Ward.

December 5th, I preached in the church at Williamsburg, and, in the absence of the Rector, administered the Lord's Supper. 19th, In the morning, I preached in the Monumental Church, Richmond, and confirmed twenty. In the afternoon I addressed the congregation in St. James's Church, and confirmed ten. At night I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed fifteen.

March 18th, I lectured in the church at Williamsburg; also, on the 21st and 24th. 27th, I preached in St. Thomas's, Charles City, and confirmed four. 28th, I preached in the Westover Church. 29th, I preached in St. Peter's, New Kent, and confirmed two. 30th, I preached in the Old Church, Hanover, and confirmed seven. I was gratified to find that means had been provided, and a site procured for the erection of a new building for this congregation. 31st, I preached at the Fork Church, Hanover.

April 1st, I preached at Trinity Church, and confirmed one. 2d, I preached in St. John's, Spottsylvania, and confirmed one. 3d, I preached in St. Margaret's, Caroline, and confirmed three. Though it rained and hailed, and the roads were in a bad condition for travelling, a large congregation were assembled to unite in the services. 4th, I preached in Trinity Church, Spottsylvania. 15th, I left Williamsburg, to visit the churches in the north-western section of the Diocese, and on my route was able to officiate in several of the congregations deprived by Bishop Meade's sickness of the services they had been anticipating. On the evening of the day named, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk. 16th, I preached in Grace Church, Portsmouth, and confirmed one. 17th, In the morning I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk, and confirmed eighteen. At night I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk, and confirmed thirty-one. 18th, I preached in Trinity Church, Portsmouth, and confirmed six. 24th, In the morning I preached in Clarksburg, and confirmed four. At night I preached in the same place. Having as yet no church building in this village, we were kindly accommodated by our Presbyterian friends. 25th, I rode to Weston, and arrived in time for a night service. I preached, and confirmed eight. 27th, I preached at Fairmount, in the Methodist church. The last three places, together with Buckhannon and Morgantown, distant from each other about seventy

miles, are now receiving the services of the Rev. Mr. Page and the Rev. R. Castleman, who are sustained in part by the Diocesan Missionary Society, and officiate alternately at each of the stations named. At Weston, a church was consecrated some few years since. At Clarksburg, means for erecting one have been provided; and our friends at Fairmount are not without hopes of procuring a building of their own. Certainly, the prospects in this extensive missionary range are brightening, and I trust that the brethren who occupy this interesting field will continue to receive the blessing of the Lord on their labors, and be privileged, in due time, to report the establishment of several prosperous and self-sustaining congregations. 28th, I travelled seventy-two miles on the railroad to Moundsville, preached at night in the Presbyterian church, and confirmed three. The Rev. Mr. Hyland, who is also aided by the Diocesan Missionary Society, is preparing to erect a church at this place. Part of his time is given to New Martinsville, where he alternates with the Rev. Jas. D. McCabe. 29th, Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Hyland, I passed down the Ohio to Pleasant County, and the next morning consecrated St. John's Church, preached, and confirmed two. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; morning service by the Rev. Mr. Hyland.

May 1st, In the morning I preached in Trinity, Parkersburg, and united in the administration of the Lord's Supper. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hyland, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed six. 2d, Was appropriated to Bellville; but the Rector, for sufficient reasons, had changed the appointment, and at night I again preached in Trinity Church, Parkersburg. 3d, At night, at Ravenswood, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Perkins, who occasionally officiates there, I addressed the congregation. 4th, At the same place, I preached and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. At night I again addressed the congregation. 5th, At night, I preached at Point Pleasant, in the Presbyterian church, and confirmed one. 6th, Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Perkins, I rode twenty-one miles to Buffalo, where I found a congregation assembled in the Methodist church, and the Rev. Mr. Brown conducting the morning service. I preached there, and in the afternoon rode twelve miles farther, and at night crossed the Kanawha, and preached in the Court House at Winfield, the county town of Putnam. 8th, I preached in the morning at St. John's, Charleston, and confirmed two. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Perkins, I addressed the congregation. 9th, I preached at the Salines, in St. Luke's Church, and confirmed one. At night I again addressed the congregation at St. John's, Charleston, and confirmed two. 10th, Accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Brown, I rode to Coalsmouth, and preached. My next appointment was at Tees Valley, but it was found unnecessary to fulfil it. The interesting congregation which I once met there having for some time been as sheep without a shepherd, had been so scattered that then there was no one to receive and circulate the notice which I had published. I was, therefore, constrained to forego the service which I had anticipated, and make my way to meet my next engagement, which was in Wheeling.

To be deeply impressed with the importance of zealously and liberally sustaining our Diocesan Missionary Society, and of frequent fervent prayer that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers, one need only travel the line along which I have thus passed, notice the lamentable destitution which prevails, and listen to the importunate entreaties of the many deprived of the ministrations of the Word, that we would send some to break to them and to their children the bread of life. The spectacle would affect the hearts and command the means of our more favored people, and must, one would think, lead many of the pious youth who are aspiring

to other professions already crowded to suffocation, to consider the call and the claims of the ministry, and to utter from their hearts the self-dedicatory prayer: "Lord! here am I; send me."

From May 10th until the morning of the 12th, I was occupied in passing from Coalsmouth to Wheeling, where I preached in St. John's Church, on the evening of the 13th. 15th, In the morning I preached in St. Matthew's, Wheeling, and confirmed seven. 16th, At Wellsburg, I visited and addressed the pupils at Meade Institute. At night I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed eleven. 17th, I preached in St. John's, Brooke County, and confirmed seven.

Meade Institute, to which I have alluded, is incorporated, and under the direction of a Board of Trustees favorable to its being conducted on proper principles. They have received, by deed from the Trustees of Wellsburg Academy, two town lots, on one of which stands a commanding two-story brick building, erected for a school-house. In addition to this, more than fifty acres of land, embracing several of the beautiful hills adjoining the town, have been conveyed to the Board. On this tract there is a dwelling, occupied by the Rev. Mr. Tomkins, principal of the preparatory department, who, in addition to his parish duties, is engaged in instructing twenty-five pupils. On a most eligible and commanding site, near the dwelling of the principal, it is proposed to erect additional buildings, for the accommodation of boarders and more advanced scholars. The Institution has commenced under hopeful circumstances, and, if managed with the wisdom and prudence so indispensable to success, in such enterprises, I trust it will be extensively felt for good through this western section of our Diocese, and receive a patronage proportioned to its value.

The services rendered as President of William and Mary have been so similar to those described in my former reports, that they need not be again enumerated. Six lectures each week, together with occasional ministerial duties, have given ample employment during that portion of the year passed in Williamsburg. The number of students has this session been eighty-five, exceeding by five-and-twenty the average since the foundation of the college. I but do them justice, when I express the opinion that, for behavior and improvement, they will compare favorably with those of any institution with which I am acquainted; and when I consider the eminent qualifications of my colleagues, to whom the general instruction is intrusted, and of whom the association of now nearly four years has afforded me ample opportunity to judge, I feel every confidence in continuing to commend this college to the patronage of parents who seek for their sons an education based on the principles of sound science and Christian morality.

J. JOHNS.

The following gentlemen presented petitions for the division of certain parishes:—

H. N. Pendleton, Esq., a petition for the division of Wickliffe Parish.

Rev. Mr. Fisher, a petition for the division of St. James's Parish, Southam, Powhatan County.

Thos. M. Boyle, Esq., a petition for the division of Meade Parish, Loudon and Fauquier Counties.

All of which petitions were referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Rev. C. B. Dana, Chairman of the Standing Committee, read the report of their proceedings during the past conventional year.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, on the third Wednesday in May, 1854.

On motion, the amendment of the Rev. Mr. Whittle to the 2d sect. of Canon 11th of the Diocese of Virginia, of which notice was given yesterday, was referred to a special committee.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen such committee:—

Rev. Mr. Whittle,  
“ J. Grammer,

D. H. Conrad, Esq.,  
C. T. Merriwether, Esq.

Rev. J. Grammer, from the Committee on the Fund for the Support of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, presented the following report:—

*Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Wm. H. Hubbard, and Thomas Nelson, Trustees:*

## CREDIT.

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| By dividend on 74 shares stock of the Exchange Bank of Virginia,<br>July, 1852 . . . . .    | \$296 00 |
| “ dividend on the same, January, 1853 . . . . .                                             | 296 00   |
| “ dividend on 21 shares stock of the Farmers' Bank of Vir-<br>ginia in July, 1852 . . . . . | 84 00    |
| “ dividend on the same, January, 1853 . . . . .                                             | 84 00    |
| “ dividend on 1 share stock of the Bank of Virginia in July,<br>1852 . . . . .              | 2 80     |
| “ dividend on the same in January, 1853 . . . . .                                           | 2 80     |
| Total dividends from January 1, 1852, to January 1, 1853                                    | \$765 60 |

## DEBIT.

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| August, 1852. To cash paid Mr. John Stewart, Treasurer, | \$382 80 |
| March, 1853. To cash paid “ “ “                         | 382 80   |
|                                                         | \$765 60 |

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer*.

Richmond, May 4, 1853.

The Clergy were then called upon for their Parochial Reports, and the same were referred to the committee on such reports.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, who were not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—

Rev. W. C. Meredith,

Rev. H. Stringfellow,

Rev. R. T. Brown.

Rev. C. J. Gibson, Chairman of the Committee to examine the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, who were not

present yesterday, as duly elected to this Convention, according to the prescribed canon :—

Chas. A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.  
 Thos. M. Boyle, Meade Parish, Loudon County.  
 Francis Thompson, St. Martin's Parish, Kanawha.  
 Samuel Hammett, St. John's Parish, Pleasant County.  
 Chas. C. Shelton, Elizabeth City County Parish.  
 W. C. Leftwitch, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County.

The Rev. Dr. Jones, from the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report of their proceedings for the past year—

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society respectfully report to the Convention that the funds of the Society have been applied towards the support of the ten following ministers, occupying missionary stations in the Diocese, viz. :—

Rev. W. F. Lockwood,  
 “ A. B. Tizzard,  
 “ E. J. Perkins,  
 “ W. L. Hyland,  
 “ J. C. McCabe,

Rev. J. Ambler Weed,  
 “ L. P. Clover,  
 “ J. M. Chevers,  
 “ D. Tompkins,  
 “ Lewis Walke.

The committee think it proper to state that the appropriation to Rev. J. C. McCabe is, in part, supplied by Christ Church, Norfolk, and to Rev. Lewis Walke, entirely supplied by that church. The account of the Treasurer of the Society will be found accompanying their report.

ALEX. JONES, *Chairman*.

(See Appendix No. 3, for the Treasurer's Account.)

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment.

Rev. T. T. Castleman, Chairman of the Committee on the Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following report :—

The Committee on the Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find it to be correct.

T. T. CASTLEMAN, *Chairman*.

(See Appendix No. 3, for Treasurer's Account.)

A preamble and resolution offered to the Convention at this time, were, on motion, referred to a committee of five, which the Chair declining to appoint, the following committee was elected by the Convention :—

Rev. J. Grammer,  
 “ Dr. Norwood,  
 “ Dr. Sparrow,

Col. Edwd. T. Tayloe,  
 D. B. Fitzhugh, Esq.

The Committee on New Parishes then made the following report, which was received, and the applications specified therein granted—

The Committee on New Parishes report that they have had before them an application from Meade Parish, praying for a division of said parish. The requisition of the canon having been complied with, and the interest of the Church seeming to require it, they recommend the granting of this application, and that the new parish be admitted under the name of John's Parish. Application has also been made for a division of St. James's Parish, Southam, Powhatan County; the requisition of the canon having been complied with, and the necessities of the case seeming to be urgent, the committee would recommend that this application be granted, and the division made by the metes and bounds expressed in the application.

The third application is from Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County; in this case, also, the canon having been complied with, the committee recommend that the Convention sanction the division by the metes and bounds defined in the petition, and that the new parish be admitted under the style of Luther Parish.

CHARLES MANN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Lay Delegate from St. John's, Pleasant County, was, by his request, excused from farther attendance on this Convention.

Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred, at the last Convention, the resolution introduced by the Rev. Mr. Norton, relative to the establishment of an ecclesiastical appellate court, read the report of the committee, as follows:—

The committee appointed on the resolutions offered at our last Convention, touching the subject of a supreme court of appeal in the general church, beg leave to report: They regret that they have to begin with the remark that, though they did not forget the matter referred to them at the close of our last Convention, they have been placed in circumstances in every view unfavorable to the satisfactory discharge of the duty devolved upon them. A meeting of the members, at which they might, by a mutual comparison of their views and a full discussion of principles, evolve the truth in their own minds, and arrive at a definite and settled conclusion, has been altogether impossible. They are under the necessity of presenting the results of very little conference and consultation.

But even if they had enjoyed every opportunity of the kind referred to, they still must confess that they have found the subject submitted to their examination to be one involved in difficulty, so much so as to admit, on their part at the best, of a somewhat diffident and hesitating conclusion.

From the past history of our American church, little light of a positive kind can be gathered. Never having had a high court of appeal in the church, we cannot from past experience say whether the establishment of such an ecclesiastical tribunal would be beneficial or injurious; much less, if one were organized, what should be the details of the arrangement. In the mother Church of England it has not been much otherwise. They have had, indeed, such a court of appeals, but it has been so seldom resorted to, and its organization is so different from anything we could have, or wish to have, that the example is of but little value. As to the other Episcopal churches, whether Papal or Protestant, throughout the world, they are so diverse from our own in character and condition, and the state of society in general, in times past, was so different from that of this nineteenth century, and



the social and civil aspect of this country is now so very peculiar, as compared with that of Europe, that it would be idle to look in the facts of the present, or the records of the past elsewhere, for anything better than the faintest analogies to guide our judgments. It would seem to your committee that, if anything be determined in this matter, it must, for the most part, be upon general principles gathered by induction from facts existing in our own midst. Should we go to the non-Episcopal churches to gather lessons of experience, here, of course, the analogies must be fainter still.

The idea of a superior appellate court is *obvious* enough, suggested by the history of nearly all government, whether civil or ecclesiastical; and yet, in one view, that only increases the perplexity, for it may be fairly asked, if so very obvious in idea, and, as a matter of fact, so uniform in the practice of the world and the church, how happens it that now, for the first time, the establishment of such a court should be seriously and at all extensively occupying the minds of the members of our church. It could not have been an oversight. That far-seeing and judicious man, the father of the American Church, good Bishop White, must have often pondered the subject, but still he *did* nothing. No doubt the cause of this forbearance and inaction on the part of Bishop White, and those other men, clerical and lay, who were concerned in laying the foundation of the Protestant Episcopacy in the United States, in part was, that they saw the subject to be encompassed with many and peculiar difficulties. A feeling of this kind must have more or less swayed them and their descendants and successors; otherwise some action must have been taken in relation to it long ago.

The subjects which would be brought before the kind of court under consideration would be either those of moral discipline, those of rubric and canon, or those of doctrine. Now, for the sake of the first, a court of final appeal, above those now existing, whether for the inferior clergy in the dioceses, or for the superior in the House of Bishops, would not seem to your committee very necessary. We may leave such matters—may we not?—with a full assurance that substantial justice will generally result in the hands of the tribunals already existing.

As to questions of doctrine, we are free to confess that we have great unwillingness to submit them to any decision which might by possibility grow into an authoritative precedent, but that of the whole church, fully apprized what it was about to do, deeply sensible of the responsibility of the work, and acting in the matter *directly*, so far as a direct action can be had. Doctrine is the first great element in the church of Christ. Nothing else will in any way compete with it in importance. Where Christian truth is, there, through the promised blessing of the Spirit, will be found Christian power. Other things may advance or may hinder the progress of this truth, but the original, intrinsic energy for converting and sanctifying man (the proper business of the church of Christ) is to be found only in connection with the truth. He that came into the world to convince it of sin, of righteousness, and judgment, makes use of it as his proper instrument for this proper work. The *word of God* is the sword of the Spirit. Truth, then, being so infinitely precious to the church, constituting a prime part of its being, and the chief instrument of its efficiency, how very jealous ought we to be over the standards of doctrine which, in the providence of God, have been given to our communion; as we have them, we believe them to be superior to any other in Christendom. Though, as human compilations, according to our own principles, we cannot believe them absolutely perfect, any more than we think ourselves really infallible (we leave such folly and presump-

tion to the Church of Rome), still, we believe the English Reformers and the founders of the American church to have had vouchsafed to them extraordinary wisdom in what they *did* and what they left *undone* in the drawing up our standards of doctrine. Putting, therefore, this estimate upon them, we are not willing to see anything done which by any possibility might introduce a change in this regard in any other than the most direct, open, and universally contemplated way. A supreme court, in the adjudication of doctrinal controversies, *might* give us a series of decisions, which, regarded as authoritative interpretations of our existing standards of doctrine, would insensibly lead us off from our original Protestant ground, and bring us at last to conclusions which the church would have revolted at in the first instance, if broadly and distinctly proposed to it, and would have revolted at as subversive of the plain grammatical sense of our creeds, as handed down to us from the beginning of the Reformation. Especially is such a result to be dreaded and guarded against, inasmuch as the history of our church, both here and in England, in the opinions of what may be called its *personelle*, as distinguished from the *materiel* of its written symbols, might furnish some occasion and pretext for bringing about thus silently a revolution in our doctrine. If ever any change is made in our doctrine, which, as said before, is the very soul of the church, it should be done openly and above board, all the church knowing what was going on, all the church prepared for the occasion, and all the church taking an intelligent part in the transaction.

And it is not silent change alone, designed or undesigned, which is to be feared as a consequence of a court of appeal in doctrinal matters. The decisions might be in harmony with the plain grammatical sense of our standards, with just such modifications as the state of religious opinion at the founding of the American Church might seem to require, and still they might prove very disastrous to the well-being of the church, and destructive of one of her peculiar excellencies. One of these is, that she is a comprehensive church; that, while very far from being latitudinarian, while she is Scriptural, orthodox, evangelical, Episcopal, and Protestant, she does not seek to tie up her ministers, and much less her members, to every refinement of doctrine to which even her own system might be legitimately carried. She would allow for the different degrees of original mental constitution and of educational development among them; for habit of thought accidentally acquired; for mental idiosyncrasies, and all the other causes of difference which exist among fallible creatures, as far as possible; being persuaded it is best for the individual mind, best for the individual conscience, and best for the piety and peace of the whole body. But this characteristic excellence of our church and its administration would probably be much reduced, if not destroyed, by the decisions of a court of appeal. As every succeeding council of old narrowed the ground for the members of the church, so each succeeding court would narrow that of the clergy among us; and we might have at last a platform of doctrine altogether too restricted for practical use. Admit, even, that it was absolutely and in itself considered more perfect for these very additions, relatively it would be made thereby more imperfect, being unadapted to the use of such imperfect creatures; though Saul's own armor, the very best in the kingdom, it would be unsuitable to David, the servant of the Lord.

But there yet remains another class of cases to be noticed, for which a high court of appeal might possibly be necessary, and that is, cases of dispute about rubric and canon. We are aware that this last class is sometimes nearly related to and closely connected with the other two classes; but still they are perfectly distinguishable, and, for the most part, separable from the latter.

Now, these latter would seem to your committee to admit and require a court of appeal much more than either of the others, and we are not prepared to say that with reference to such, under certain circumstances, a court would not be desirable. But even here, we think, the call for such a tribunal is by no means urgent, not certainly so urgent as to make the establishment of a court for these alone at all expedient at the present time. The matter of rubrics and canons is very seldom, if at all, *vital*.

It may be *important*, but, however important, it does not enter into the essential character of the church, nor essentially affect its efficiency and usefulness. So long as the doctrine of the church is untouched, and the clergy are left free to *preach* it, they need not fear much injury to the character of the church, or to the success of their own labors as a proper spiritual work. Besides, without abating unduly the importance of rubrical and canonical questions, if they are the only ones to be provided for, the present provision would seem to be so adequate as to make it unwise and hazardous, at the present crisis, to seek anything farther. Our General and Diocesan Conventions may, for the present, be trusted with them. So long as the doctrinal and moral character of the church is sound, it cannot go far astray in matters of form and administration.

Should an unwise step be taken in such matters by one General Convention, we may hope that it will be corrected by another; and should a Diocesan court come to an unrighteous decision in one case, if the more excellent way of some neighboring diocese does not shame that diocese into correcter notions, we may hope that time will do so, by the changes which it will bring about therein. There is one corrective to which a church substantially Scriptural, and therefore substantially evangelical, may always look to for evils that may arise within it; a corrective which the State cannot anticipate, at least with such special faith, for the analogous evils which are incident to it; and that is, the outpouring of God's Spirit, the revival of religion as an inner life and a heavenly power. Where the truth is, there such visitations may be, and should be looked and prayed for; and, when they are vouchsafed, many evils, which before seemed organically connected with the body, are spontaneously sloughed off as extraneous to it.

The evils which have given occasion, in part, for the stirring of the subject on which your committee are now reporting, in the last General Convention, and our last Diocesan Convention, and, for aught we know, in several others also, are those which have been the subject of deep, heart-searching, and poignant grief among all true Protestant Episcopalians. We refer to the perversions to the Church of Rome from the body of our clergy and laity, especially the former. Too much importance, in our view, can hardly be attached to them. Whatever may be thought of the individuals, personally considered, that so many men, born, brought up, and educated in a Protestant country, and then ordained, employed, and promoted in a Protestant church, should break away from the salutary influences of Scripture instruction, and the authority of a spiritual religion, and give themselves up to the delusion, and bondage, and superstition of the Church of Rome, the moral influence of which, as the reclaimed pervert Connelly has well shown, is its sufficient condemnation; this certainly should arouse our attention, and lead us anxiously to inquire what is the cause and what is the remedy of so great an evil. We doubt exceedingly, however, whatever be the cure, whether the measure proposed would conduce to that end. If judicial action is the desideratum to check Romanizing tendencies, it is quite superfluous to be providing a high court of appeal, until the lower courts

acted, and their action has been complained of as a grievance. But it is nothing of the kind has taken place. The perverts have all gone without the best disciplinary handling. If anything is to be complained of, it is not that our courts have acted wrongly, but that they have not acted at all. If, on the other hand, as may seem to some to be implied in the fact that the church has rebuked these men to hold Romanistic sentiments, and to go on changing till they become all-out Roman Catholic, and attached themselves formally to the Church (as they had done long before in heart and spirit), and *that* without one word of official warning, one act of official censure; if, we say, in view of this, and the important features of this movement, which might be mentioned, the conclusion in our minds should be, that the evil is too deep to be reached or remedied by anything so superficial as a court, whether superior or inferior; then it is plain our eyes should be turned in another direction, and we should look to the general church for some primary and fundamental action which will forever remove the cause of these departures from the faith in our communion, whatever it may be, effectually shut the door, or rather close the crevice by which they found an entrance among us.

In view of these considerations, your committee do not feel strongly impelled to reverse the movement made at our last General Convention towards the organizing of a supreme court in the church, and likely to be farther prosecuted at the next. They think it a happy circumstance, however, that the subject has been brought before the Convention by the resolutions which have been submitted to it. The question of a court, whether it shall be or not be, is most important, and if decided in the affirmative, then what form it shall assume, and what shall be its jurisdiction and powers, is also most important. While, therefore, your committee are not at present very decided on these questions, they are ready to offer, in conclusion, for the adoption of this body, the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the question of a supreme court of appeal is one of the first importance, whichever way decided by our church; and that, if brought before the next General Convention as part of the unfinished business of the last, it should receive the deep and earnest attention of the delegates of this body.

On motion, the committee was discharged, and their report made the order of business for 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

The election of the Standing Committee, and of delegates to the General Convention, being the business in order for the hour (4 P. M.), the assembly was called up, and resulted in the following elections:—

*Delegates to the General Convention:*

| CLERICAL.                | LAY.                   |
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| Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D., | W. H. McFarland, Esq., |
| “ Wm. Norwood, D. D.,    | Philip Williams, “     |
| “ C. W. Andrews,         | D. H. Conrad, “        |
| “ Wm. Armstrong.         | Edwd. T. Tayloe “      |

*Alternates for the same:*

| CLERICAL.             | LAY.                   |
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| Rev. T. T. Castleman, | Hugh W. Sheffey, Esq., |
| “ C. Walker,          | E. P. Hunter, “        |
| “ J. F. Hoff,         | R. H. Cunningham, “    |
| “ Wm. Friend.         | Saml. W. Shelton, “    |

The following were elected the Standing Committee:—

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| Rev. C. B. Dana,      | Dr. Orlando Fairfax,  |
| “ Wm. Sparrow, D. D., | Cassius F. Lee, Esq., |
| “ J. T. Johnson,      | J. F. Hoof.           |

On motion, S. W. Shelton, Esq., was, at his request, excused from farther attendance on this Convention.

Rev. C. J. Gibson, Chairman of the Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen, who were not present this morning, to have been duly elected delegates to this Convention, and they accordingly took their seats:—

Robt. J. McCandlish, St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis County.  
G. R. C. Allen, Christ Church, Clarksburg, Harrison County.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

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FRIDAY, 8½ o'clock A. M., May 20, 1853.

The Convention assembled at the appointed hour, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. John Johns.

The Secretary then read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in this Convention, who were ~~not~~ not present before, appeared to-day:—

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| Rev. W. H. Kinkle, | Rev. W. H. Pendleton. |
| “ W. H. L. Temple, |                       |

The following preamble and resolution were offered, and laid upon the ~~table~~ table for future consideration, other business being at the time in order.

*Whereas*, The Protestant Episcopal Church acknowledges her obligations, and ~~professes~~ professes herself to be a missionary church; therefore

*Resolved*, That in view of the great scarcity of clergy, the ministers of this large and still, to a great extent, destitute diocese, be requested, either agreeably to their own arrangements in their convocations, or otherwise, to extend a portion of their labors to such fields as may be destitute in their respective vicinities; and, furthermore, that the parishes which have pastors, be requested to allow a reasonable portion of their time for this purpose.

The business in order being the report of the committee presented yesterday, in reference to the formation of an ecclesiastical court of appeals, the discussion of the same was commenced, pending which the Convention adjourned over to 3 P. M.

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FRIDAY, 3 o'clock P. M.

Convention assembled at the appointed hour.

The subject under consideration at the time of adjournment this morning was again taken up, and concluded by the adoption of the resolution reported by the committee on the same.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution offered yesterday, presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:—

*We*, the clerical and lay delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, in Convention assembled, deeply regretting that our beloved *Dionysius*, for the first time in the twenty-four years of his episcopate, is now prevented, by serious and painful indisposition, from being present with us in our annual meeting; and, being thus deprived of his cheering and fatherly presence, would take occasion of his absence for giving expression to our heartfelt sympathy with him in his affliction—to our grateful sense of his well-known, long-continued, and most ably useful services, both as a presbyter and bishop in this diocese, and to our unabated confidence in the purity of motive and high Christian disinterestedness which have prompted and characterized his conduct, not only in those labors which are directed especially to the welfare of the church in Virginia, but also in such episcopal acts beyond the bounds of this diocese, in which a high sense of official duty constrained him to engage.

*Be it therefore Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention communicate to *Rt. Rev. William Meade* this expression of our sympathy and confidence.

*Rev. F. M. Whittle*, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the amendment proposed to the 2d sect. of Canon 11th of the Diocese of Virginia, reported as follows:—

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the 11th canon, respectfully report that the said amendment would, in their opinion, be inexpedient.

F. M. WHITTLE, *Chairman*.

*Rev. C. B. Dana*, Chairman of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following report:—

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Treasurer thereof, *Washington C. Page, Esq.*, of Alexandria, the following statement in reference to the amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to present to the Convention as their report. They have examined this statement, and found it to be correct, and believe that the fund is safely invested and judiciously managed.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Chairman*.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last Convention, he has purchased nine shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at one hundred and ten dollars per share, leaving a balance in his hands of sixty-nine dollars, as per statement, viz. :—

## CREDITS.

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| Balance of cash on hand, reported May, 1852  | . | . | \$39 00    |
| Dividends received from Exchange Bank of Va. | . | . | 480 00     |
| “ “ Farmers' Bank of Va.                     | . | . | 396 00     |
| “ “ Bank of the Valley in Va.                | . | . | 90 00      |
| “ “ Bank of Alexandria                       | . | . | 27 00      |
| Carried forward                              | . | . | \$1,082 00 |

## CHANGES.

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| Brought forward                                      | \$1,082 00     |
| Cash paid for nine shares Farmers' Bank of Va. stock | 968 00         |
| Balance                                              | <u>\$69 00</u> |

The fund consists now of—

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| 60 shares of Exchange Bank of Va. stock | \$6,000 00         |
| 56 " Farmers' Bank of Va. "             | 5,600 00           |
| 10 " Bank of the Valley "               | 1,000 00           |
| Cash on hand                            | 69 00              |
|                                         | <u>\$12,669 00</u> |
| Amount of the fund last year            | 11,739 00          |
| Increase                                | <u>930 00</u>      |

Respectfully submitted.

WASHINGTON C. PAGE, *Treasurer.*

Alexandria, May 10, 1853.

The Rev. C. B. Dana, on behalf of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary and the High School, made the following report:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND THE EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL OF VIRGINIA.

The Trustees of these institutions of the Diocese respectfully report to the Convention that the Theological Seminary under their care has been in a prosperous condition during the last year. It is true that the number of students, though larger than the average number for the last few years, is less than at some former periods, a fact which in these times, in which so many of our own parishes are vacant, and so great a demand for clergymen exists in every part of our country, is greatly to be regretted. We have need, therefore, of increasing and importunate prayer throughout the church, that the "Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Souls" will greatly increase the number of vigilant and true pastors of His flock, and of able and faithful ministers of His word and sacraments.

From the reports of the Professors it appears that the usual amount of labor has been performed on their part, and of diligent study on the part of the students, who, we trust, are thereby becoming qualified for efficient usefulness in the church of Christ.

The amount of the permanent funds of the Seminary, now invested, is about sixty-six thousand dollars.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.—Since the last Convention, the Rev. Mr. Dalrymple has resigned the rectorship of the High School, and the Trustees have appointed in his place the Rev. John P. McGuire, of Essex County, Virginia. While we greatly regretted the loss of the able and faithful services of the late rector, we deem ourselves fortunate in the choice of his successor, under whose judicious and paternal administration, with the assistance of a thoroughly qualified and efficient corps of teachers, the institution has prospered beyond our expectations, without any serious inconvenience or embarrassment, such as might have naturally been apprehended from an entire change of principal and assistants. The institution contains at present seventy pupils, and there is every prospect of its continued and increased

success. We trust that it will ever remain an institution of sound learning, morality, and religion, and that it will become a fruitful nursery of the ministry of the church.

The reports of the several Professors of the Seminary and the Rector of the High School, which are subjoined, will exhibit more particularly the condition of their respective departments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND CHURCH POLITY.

The usual course in the studies committed to my care has been followed by the senior and middle classes. A review of the whole is now about to be entered on. The senior class have given attention to the composition and delivery of sermons, one sermon being delivered each week.

In the absence of the Bishop, from indisposition, the study of his lectures on Pastoral Theology, by the senior class, falls under my care.

JAMES MAY.

*Theological Seminary, May 14, 1853.*

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC DIVINITY AND THE EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

But little variation from the last year's report is necessary. The studies have been the same in the three classes, except that the middle class has read, as an extra duty, Reid's "Intellectual Powers," with the notes of Sir William Hamilton. To several of the class the exercise has been very serviceable. In general preparation and punctual attendance in the recitation-room, the conduct of all the classes has been entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SPARROW.

#### REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The classes under my instruction have pursued the prescribed course of study, and have made the usual progress. I think it unnecessary to enter into further detail, as it would not vary essentially from preceding reports.

As Librarian, I would further report that there have been added to the library, during the past year, about sixty volumes, at the cost of about seventy-five dollars. Several works have been ordered, and are expected soon. The annual appropriation for this year, and the interest on the Betts legacy have not yet been drawn from the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

J. PACKARD.

*May 18, 1853.*

#### REPORT OF THE RECTOR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

*To the Trustees of the Episcopal High School of Virginia:*

The Rector begs leave respectfully to make his report for the session of 1852-3.

After his appointment to this post, which took place in August last, he immediately resigned the charge of his parishes in Essex County, and with as much expedition as possible prepared for the opening of the school. His appointment was so late,



and there was so much to do in closing his affairs in Essex, together with the providing of teachers, &c. for the school, that the present session could not be opened at the usual period; but, by the good providence of God, there was a delay of but one week, everything being ready by the third, instead of the second Wednesday in September.

It was feared that the resignation of my predecessor, and the consequent appointment of an entire new set of officers, might interfere with the prosperity of the institution. Our fears, however, have not been realized, the usual indications of success having attended our efforts from the commencement of the session, and the prospect for the future continuing to be encouraging. Of the ample corps of teachers it is but justice to say that they have been very faithful and successful in the discharge of their duties. The pupils, as a whole, are of a superior order, possessing fine intellectual endowments and great respectability of character. With only such occasional difficulties as must be expected, a spirit of good-will and industry has constantly existed among them, leading to a large amount of voluntary study in addition to the labors of the school-room, and a degree of improvement highly satisfactory. The religious services and the instruction of the Bible classes have been regularly attended to. The influence of these daily and weekly exercises, it is hoped, has been healthful; but, like the congregations of the church, we have to lament the want of spiritual fruit, without which all else is comparatively of no value.

JOHN P. McGUIRE,

*Rector of the Episcopal High School of Virginia.*

The preamble and resolution offered this morning, relative to the exertions of clergymen out of the bounds of their own parishes, which were then laid on the table, were at this time taken up and adopted.

Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following report:—

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report as follows:—

As the interval from one Convention to another is not long, and as at every Convention of the church a report on the subject submitted to your committee is called for, it must needs be that a great similarity must mark the statements thus annually made. It is not the less necessary, however, that the report be called for, and be rendered. If the seaman makes even hourly observations of the state of the weather, the church may well take annual note of the condition of the spiritual heavens. Every true Christian must have a desire to know what progress the visible church is making in accomplishing the work which the Divine Head has assigned her, in building up that kingdom which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

So far as your committee have been enabled to gather, whether from their own observation or that of others, no very marked change has taken place within our Diocesan bounds during the last year. If, in some locations, there may seem to be lacking the ordinary measure of life and spirit, it is counterbalanced by an increase in others; and when we attempt to fix in our own minds the average of our religious state for the whole Diocese, we are led to the humble hope that, though not by any means in the degree that might be wished, still it is an improving one. One indication

of this is an increased attention, in many places, to the important cause of Sunday-school instruction. The children, we find, are sought after and gathered in with more zeal than formerly, and visited more faithfully, and that more diligence and seriousness are exhibited in their religious training. In this work, besides books and other publications long in use, the *Parish Visitor* and the *Standard Bearer* have been found very helpful, the latter being especially beneficial to the scholar, and the former to the teacher, and, indeed, to adult Christians generally. No person can make a spiritually efficient Sabbath-school instructor, who does not prepare himself for his work by special prayer for God's blessing on his labors, and by a direct effort to qualify himself in mind and heart, by religious reading, for the discharge of his duties, duties so very near akin in spirit to those of the sacred ministry. A great deal of the kind of reading adapted to this particular end is to be found in the periodicals referred to, and in some others of the religious journals of the church, especially in your Diocesan paper, the *Southern Churchman*, which, by its Christian and gentlemanly bearing, its unflinching judiciousness, and its intelligent discussions of all the great questions of the day, has for a considerable time been rendering most essential service to the church. We consider it a sign for good in the condition of the church, when the circulation of such publications is increasing; and we hope the time is not distant when every family within our ecclesiastical bounds will be blessed by them, their weekly and monthly visits giving a new impulse to religious thought, and quickening the heart with religious emotion.

Another particular of encouragement: it makes us hopeful in regard to our condition as a church, that the *laity* seem to be taking a more active part than formerly in the spiritual as well as temporal interest of our communion. In these eventful times, this is an important fact. Accurate observers have been led to remark, both in this country and in England, that, so far as the class of mere instruments is concerned, the hope of the church for escape from the troubles which beset her is the laity. Perhaps the evils which we at this day deplore may be in part owing to this, that in former times the laity did not, in the measure and spirit of their calling, stand in their lot and discharge the duties belonging to them; that by transferring to other hands what should have been tended by their own, they violated practically the proportion which the Spirit has established in the church between clerical and laic functions and administrations; and that this practical error has led to a corresponding theoretical error, or at least has fostered and sustained it. Be this as it may, we think there are indications that the laity are beginning to discover that they have an integral and substantive part, and above the mere supply of pecuniary means, in the great work which Christ has committed to his church; that, holding as they do the Holy Scriptures, the common standard of divine truth, in their hands, they ought to be jealous for the purity of Christian doctrine; and that, possessed as they are of the influence which piety, intelligence, and prominent station carry with them, they ought to be, in every way which does not trench upon the public preaching of the word and the administration of the sacraments, active for the diffusion of the truth throughout society and in the hearts of men. This is as it should be, for it is eminently scriptural and Protestant. We pray that these indications may continue to increase. It may also be properly mentioned here, that it seems to your committee that this is one of the good results which God is working for us out of the notorious evils under which we labor as a church at this time. If the supineness of the laity, and their readiness to let their own proper duties be discharged by proxy, or go altogether neglected, may have in any measure conduced

to bring about existing evils, we trust the magnitude of these evils will be made the means of teaching the laity a solemn and long-to-be-remembered lesson, that their Master cannot dispense with their services in the affairs of his kingdom; and that by failing to take a free and effective share in the various causes of truth and love which should engage the energies of the church, and to qualify themselves for it by scriptural study and the cultivation of a high style of Christian character, they expose their Zion to the inroad of error even amongst its ministers, and the cause of the gospel to decline and shame.

In saying that it seems to your committee the present state of things in our Church is being made the means of waking up our laity to a sense of their spiritual privileges, we cannot sufficiently thank God that if our laity are thus in any measure aroused, it is not by what they see in their own midst, but what they hear of as occurring in other dioceses. God be praised, Virginia has not had cause, thus far, to deplore defections to Rome, whether from her clergy or laity; and that so far from any tendency existing in the diocese in that way, we think the tide is manifestly setting back, and that we are beginning to feel, more deeply than ever, that the only infallible standard of religious truth upon the earth is the Inspired Word; and that the best human exhibition of the contents of that word is to be found in the precious documents left us by the English Reformers, the Articles, Homilies, and Prayer Book; read and interpreted as common sense would dictate, under the Spirit of God, in the light of the more practical exhibition of their views, given us by these noble men in their collected works. The effect of all that has transpired beyond our diocesan limits, has been only to make us more deeply feel that adherence to these divine and human standards, and to the latter as thus historically interpreted, is our chief security for the continuance of spiritual freedom, truth, and purity among us; and is also the only proper preparation for that great conflict of religious opinions which seems to be approaching throughout Christendom.

Twenty years ago, our Protestant brethren, escaping from the misapprehension which they had inherited, or accidentally taken up, were beginning to turn toward our Church, as a communion in which they might enjoy freedom and peace, and cultivate Christian knowledge and spiritual religion with special advantage. That movement has undoubtedly been checked by evils of which we have been speaking. It is pleasant, however, to observe that *all* have not thus mistaken *accidental* for an *essential, inherent* evil; but that, on the contrary, many of this class, in connection with the scattered members of our own fold, are at this time ready and anxious to receive and profit by pastors sent forth by our Church. In many places in Virginia, east and west of the mountains, the people are calling for her ministrations.

This leads your committee, in conclusion, to notice a topic of regret which ought to be brought at this time, and in this Convention, distinctly before the mind of the Church. We refer to the great want of young men looking forward to the ministry in our communion. Our present deficiency in pastors would be a comparatively small evil if we had a good prospect of a speedy supply. But, alas, we have not. The number of youth looking forward to the ministry is small everywhere throughout the Church; and Virginia has a full share of the evil. Our young men are indeed actively looking round, and inquiring who will show them good; but few of them seek and find that good in the ministry of the Word of God. The increase of our national territory, the many doors opened to enterprise and ambition, and the numerous exciting interests of an earthly kind which characterize our day, draw off the youthful heart; so that, in proportion to former years, there is a sad deficiency

of candidates for orders among us, as indeed among other religious denominations. And while the ordinary proportion of young men is not found ready to give themselves to the cause of the gospel and mankind, the population of the country, in addition to natural growth, is receiving a mighty accession every year from foreign immigration. Your committee feel that they ought to call the attention of the church in this diocese, and indeed everywhere, if they could, to the fearful rate at which this influx of population is outrunning the means of grace provided to bring these people under gospel influence, and train them up for the duties of citizens of the Republic, and members of the Church of Christ. This topic demands to be borne continually in the mind of the Church. It should be the subject of unceasing prayer. When we present the petition, "thy kingdom come," we should give it this as one important application; and at the same time a discreet, but earnest effort should be made, by both clergy and laity, to bring the subject of the wants of the Church and the world before the minds of our pious youth. In addition, and finally we would say, that while we *thus* seek to increase the number of candidates for the ministry, earnest care should be taken, in the steady and liberal maintenance of our Education and Diocesan Missionary Societies, that those who offer themselves for preparation for the ministry, and those who offer themselves for missionary work in the diocese, be adequately sustained, so far as they may stand in need.

Respectfully submitted.

Rev. Mr. Wingfield and Rev. John Cooke appeared.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the proprietors of the several Railroad and Steamboat Companies who reduced their fare to the members.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Wheeling, for the hospitable entertainment of its members.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the pastors who offered the use of their various churches to the clergy of this Convention.

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society:—

|                                                |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D., <i>ex-officio</i> , | Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,               |
| " John Johns, D. D., "                         | John O. Steager, <i>Secretary</i> . |
| Rev. Adam Empie, D. D., "                      | John L. Bacon, <i>Treasurer</i> .   |
| " Alexander Jones, D. D.                       |                                     |

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay ten dollars to the doorkeeper.

On motion, two thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention were ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report and resolution, which were adopted:—

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Convention, and found it sustained by sufficient vouchers. The

balance due to the Treasurer on the 18th of May, 1852, of two hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-one cents, has increased to the sum of four hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-three cents on the 12th of May, 1853. For the details, the committee refer to the statement marked A, accompanying this report, which they recommend to be printed in the Journal.

Statement B shows the contributions to the contingent fund paid to the Treasurer *pro tem.* at this Convention. Their sum is \$4,296 40. Twenty-two dollars and ninety cents have been paid on account of former delinquencies, as per statement C. Of the delinquencies for 1852, amounting to \$464 12, only fifty-six dollars have been paid to the Treasurer in Richmond, viz.: two dollars from Washington Parish; one dollar from Montross Parish, Westmoreland County; and fifty-three dollars from St. John's Church, at Wheeling.

In statement D is a list of the churches which have failed to pay their contributions to this Convention. The committee is unable to state the precise amount of these delinquencies, as it will be seen but few reports of the number of white communicants in each church have been referred to the committee. The amount, however, is very large. The deficit in the treasury shows the necessity of making earnest efforts to collect, without delay, the dues of the several churches. The failure of many churches to be represented at this Convention is, doubtless, the cause of most of the delinquencies. The committee recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the clergy and vestries of the delinquent churches be earnestly requested to remit their quotas to the Treasurer in Richmond as early as practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

EDW. T. TAYLOE, *Chairman.*

For statements A, B, C, D, see Appendix No. 4.

The Committee on Parochial Reports made the following report:—

The Committee on Parochial Reports would respectfully report that they have examined and prepared for publication in the Journal 87 parochial reports. The usual abstract and synopsis of their contents has also been made, and the whole is herewith presented to be entered on the Journal.

C. J. GIBSON, *Chairman.*

There being no further business before the Convention, the minutes were read and the Convention adjourned, after appropriate religious exercises by the President, to meet in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, on the third Wednesday in May, 1854.

JOHN JOHNS, *President of the Convention.*

GEORGE D. CUMMINS, *Secretary.*

# APPENDIX.

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A.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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### ACCOMAC COUNTY.

#### *St. George's Parish.*

The Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, Rector.

Members—white adults, 1; white infants, 8; total, 4. Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; total, 16. Marriages—white, 8. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday-schools, 1.

### ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

#### *Fredericksville Parish.*

The Rev. S. R. SLACK, Rector.

Members—white adults, 1; white infants, 11; total, 12. Communicants—added, 1; removed, 4; died, 2; total, 40. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 7. Sunday-schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 80. Colored catechumens, 40. Colored Missionary Society members, 32. Families—white, 43. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$189 24; and amount contributed to build S. S. chapel about \$200.

### ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES.

#### *Christ Church, Alexandria—Fairfax Parish.*

Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Members—white adults, 8; white infants, 11; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 1; total, 21. Communicants—added, white, 9; from other cures, 11; removed, 1; withdrawn, 2; died, 8; present number—white, 122; colored, 8; total, 130; added—white, 7. Marriages—white, 6; colored, 2; total, 8. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion about \$1000.

#### *St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.*

Rev. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Members—white adults, 8; white infants, 89; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 1; total, 49. Communicants—added, white, 17; colored, 1; removed, 11; withdrawn, 3; died, 6; present number—white, 155; colored, 8; total, 158. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2.

rals—white, 20. Marriages—white, 10. Sunday-schools, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 169. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,283 62.

#### AMELIA AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

##### *Raleigh and Genito Parishes.*

The REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 8; total, 8. Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 3; removed, 4; present number—white, 48; colored, 4; total, 47. Confirmed—white, 2; colored, 8; total, 5. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 8; total, 7. Families, 26.

The Rector is thankful to report a new church of brick, completed near the site of the old Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish, and consecrated in June last; cost, \$2,400; paid, except a small balance, the payment of which has been provided for. It is also gratifying to state that, through the united efforts of the Leighton convocation and some friends, a missionary has been located at Paineville, in the upper part of Raleigh Parish; and is there and at two other places, one in Powhatan and one in Cumberland, laboring, as we believe, faithfully, with profit to the cause of religion and the church. It is much to be desired that the Diocesan Missionary Society will continue undiminished its aid to his support at least one year longer.

#### AMELIA COUNTY.

##### *Chinguepin Church, Paineville Parish.*

REV. JNO. M. CHEVERS, Missionary.

Your missionary came to his field of labor in September last. Previous to his coming, a Sunday-school had been organized at this church by the pious efforts of a lady, numbering about 20 scholars. I commenced a system of visiting every family within three miles of the church, which practice, by the help of God, I shall always observe. Our school has from that time been steadily increasing; although the roads have been universally bad during the past winter, yet they have not prevented the children from coming. For two years past, the neighborhood has been deprived of regular preaching, and the majority of the people have never known what it is to have the services of a pastor. Number of male teachers in our S. school, 7; female teachers, 11; total, 18; number of scholars, 98. With the exception of 6 boys and 4 girls, all the children living within three miles of the church attend our school; and I have reason to believe that they also will soon be added to the number. The old church was sadly in need of repairs, so much so that during the winter months we were obliged to hold our services in the Masonic Hall. I am happy to state, however, that about \$400 have been subscribed for the purpose of repairing the old Episcopal church. For many years it has been used as a free church, and is being repaired as such. I have administered the sacrament of baptism to two adults, 1 male, 1 female. Marriages, 8; 1 white, 2 colored. Total number of communicants, 8. A visit from the Bishop would be most acceptable, as there are several candidates for confirmation. Our prospects for building up the church are encouraging, and we hope, in about two years, to be able to sustain ourselves without the aid of the Missionary Society. The ladies of the congregation have formed a Dorcas Society, and have supplied all the poor children of the parish with comfortable clothing, so that nothing can prevent them from coming to school.

collected \$23, which we have laid out in Sunday-school books. Will not friend of the church send us a donation? I preach once a month at a chapel in Powhatan County, and at a free church in Cumberland County, and attend attentive congregations at both places. I preach regularly every afternoon to the servants.

## AMHERST COUNTY.

*Latimer Parish.*

THE REV. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Disciples—added, 4; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number, 18. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, 2. Confirmations, 4. Funerals, 2. Amounts for the different institutions of the church as follows: Missions, \$40 50; Female Seminary, \$7 88; Convention Fund, \$51 38; inclosing Ascension Church, \$85.

The rector took charge of Latimer Parish in September, 1852; he officiates at the four churches in the parish regularly once a month, and also on the Sabbath at the Ivy Hill free church. He believes he can truly report the parish to be in an encouraging condition.

*Amherst County Mission.*

REV. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Missionary.

The missionary reports that he has been engaged in performing missionary work at the Poor-House, at Sardes, and at Poplar Meeting-House during the past year. The congregations have been large and attentive, and he indulges the hope that much good has been done. But he feels that deeper devotion to the cause of heaven, and more efforts for the salvation of souls, are requisite to meet the demands on him at the present time.

4. Marriages, 9.

## AUGUSTA COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Augusta Parish.*

REV. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Disciples—white infants, 12; colored infants, 5; total, 17. Communicants—white, 5; removed, 5; present number, white, 84; colored, 5; total, 89. Baptisms—white, 9; colored, 7. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 10; total, 18. Teachers, 1; scholars, 19. Families, 80. Amount of contributions for the cause of religion and the church, \$368.

## BEDFORD COUNTY.

*St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish.*

REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Disciples—last reported, 65 white; 1 colored; total, 66; added, 4; died, 1; suspended, 4; present number—57 white. Baptisms—infants, 1. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals, 7.



## BERKELEY COUNTY.

*Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville; and Calvary Church, Back Creek, Norborne Parish.*

REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—colored infants, 2. Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 2; present number, 69; total, 69. Confirmed—white, 8. Funerals—white, 2. Total amount of contributions, \$28.

*Trinity Church, Martinsburg.*

REV. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 7; colored infants, 10; total, 17. Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; present number—white, 44. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 6; colored, 2. Funerals—white, 6. Teachers, 12. Scholars, 55. Sunday-school, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$105.

## BOTETOUT COUNTY.

*Botetout Parish, St. Mark's Church.*

REV. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 8. Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 1; present number, 86. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 4. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, about 12; scholars, about 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$107 42.

The Rector commenced his duties in this parish about July last. The congregation is now expending about \$900 in repairing the church edifice, which will much improve the internal arrangement and the exterior appearance. Services are held once a fortnight, and in the same manner as at Trinity Church in this county. The Bible class is well attended; and it is hoped that increasing interest is evinced in it, as well as in the regular services of the church.

*Woodville Parish, Trinity Church.*

REV. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 8; total, 5. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 3; present number, 26. Confirmed—white, 1. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday-school teachers, 8. Scholars, 86. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$74 67.

The Rector took charge of this parish in July last. Two services are held on each alternate Sunday, in the morning and at night. A Bible class meets every Sunday afternoon. The colored people have a service every four weeks, on Sunday night. A convocation has been recently formed by the clergy residing in Rock-bridge, Amherst, Bedford, Roanoke, and Botetout, and called "The Peaks of Otter Convocation." No such organization has ever existed before in this section of the State. Several meetings have been already held, and the interest manifested on the part of the people was gratifying. It is confidently expected that, with the blessing of God, much good will result from it.

## BROOKE COUNTY.

*Christ Church Parish, Wellsburg.*

REV. S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 10; added, 11; total, 21. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 1; total, 5. Families, 8; infants, 10; Confirmations, 11. Collected for the Mary Society of the Diocese, \$7 00.

*St. John's Church.*

REV. S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 80; added, 8; total, 88. Confirmations, 7. Families, 14. In-  
85.

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

*St. Andrew's Parish, St. Andrew's and Welkin's Chapel Churches.*

Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 4; total, 24. Communicants—added, 5; moved, 5; died, 1. Present number—white, 88; colored, 20. Marriages—  
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Parish is at present without a Rector. The Rev. Mr. Johnson having re-  
turned to South Carolina, Rev. Mr. Robert, of Meherin Parish, Greenville Co., has  
given monthly services at each of the churches.

## BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

REV. WM. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 2. Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 8; died,  
Present number—white, 24; colored, 8; total, 27. Confirmed—white, 1.  
Baptisms—white, 1; colored, 1. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 4; total, 8.  
Deaths, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church,  
1.

## CAROLINE COUNTY.

*St. Margaret's Church.*

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; removed, 8; present number, 81. Confirmations, 8.  
Deaths—infants, white, 2. Marriages, 1.

*Spottsylvania Parish, Christ Church.*

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, white, 17;  
Deaths, 1, 2; total, 19. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2.

*Berkley Parish, St. John's Church.*

REV. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 2; removed, 1; present number, 11. Confirma-  
1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 8.

*St. Mary's Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Communicants—added, white, 13; died, 8; present number, 37. Confirmed—white, 13. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 7. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, \$150.

*Grace Church.*

REV. HENRY WALL, Rector.

I took charge of this congregation early in February last, in consequence of which I have not much to report. Present number of communicants about 18. The attendance in general good, and interest in the services encouraging.

*Bowling Green Church.*

REV. HENRY WALL, Rector.

The number of communicants here is but 4, one of whom is about to remove. There is a motion on foot to repair the church building, and it is hoped that after a while matters will begin to look brighter.

## CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

*Westover Parish, Westover and St. Thomas Churches.*

REV. WM. T. LEAVEL, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored infants, 6; total, 9. Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; present number, 39. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 5; colored, 5; total, 10. Families, 22. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$246 52, viz.:—

|                                  |   |   |   |         |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|
| For American Sunday-School Union | . | . | . | \$42 00 |
| American Tract Society           | . | . | . | 85 00   |
| Diocesan Missions                | . | . | . | 34 86   |
| General Missions                 | . | . | . | 27 66   |
| Bible Society                    | . | . | . | 8 00    |
| Colonization Society             | . | . | . | 15 00   |
| Contingent Fund                  | . | . | . | 39 00   |

Besides the amount above specified, this Parish has made a liberal subscription towards the improvements of Parsonage property, and have contributed something towards defraying the expenses of the Rector attending the convention of the church at Wheeling.

## CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

*Dale and King William Parishes.*

REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; present number—white, 14; colored, 1; total, 15. Baptisms—adults colored, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Amount of collections for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$74 16. The Rector officiates alternate Sundays, in the morning, at each of the Parish Churches; and in the afternoon at the Coal Pits, within the limits of the Parish.

## CLARKE COUNTY.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Millwood.*

REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 7. Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 3; present number—white, 60; colored, 1; total, 61. Funeral—white, 1. Families, 35. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$650.

*Wickliffe Parish.*

REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 12; colored, 5; total, 17. Communicants—added, white, 13; died, 8; removed, 6; withdrawn, 1. Present number—white, 97; colored, 3; total, 100. Marriages—white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Funerals—white, 7. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 13; scholars, 45. Families, 66. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$856 63.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Littleton Parish, Grace Church.*

REV. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; died, 1; present number—white, 20; colored, 2; total 22. Funerals, 2. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 30. Families, 9. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$147 25.

The Rector took charge in September last.

*Leighton Parish, St. James's Church.*

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 2; infants, 2. Communicants—added, 4; present number—white, 14. Confirmed—white, 4. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Marriages, 2.

The congregation in this parish continues small, but serious, and ready, as far as they have the means, to aid in every good and holy work. One of those reported above as added the last year, was from the Methodist Church, and another from Rivanna Parish. There are some who are giving evidence of decided interest in religion, and it is hoped will soon make an open profession.

Steps are being taken to add a vestry-room to our plain but very comfortable house of worship, the expense of which is defrayed by a lady of the congregation; and it is hoped that we shall be able to paint the church, and do some other repairs to it during the ensuing year.

## ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St. John's Church, Hampton.*

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 7; total, 8. Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number—white, 48. Confirmed—white, 1 (confirmed in Portsmouth, by my request, at Bishop John's last visitation). Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 8. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 38. Families, 26. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$94 26, viz. :—

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| American Sunday-School Union . . . . . | \$18 26 |
| Diocesan Missionary Society . . . . .  | 28 00   |
| Convention Fund . . . . .              | 48 00   |
|                                        | <hr/>   |
|                                        | \$94 26 |

There are several candidates in this Parish awaiting confirmation. The congregations are good, attentive, and serious. The Rector could have reported a gratifying increase in the number of communicants, but for the illness of our beloved senior diocesan, which prevented him from visiting this congregation as he had designed.

*Centurion Church, Old Point.*

REV. M. L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 12; colored infants, 1; total, 13. Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; present number—white, 22. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Funerals—white, 7 (not communicants). Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 30.

I take pleasure in stating that a sewing society, composed of a few of the communicants, have, within the last twelve months, contributed the handsome sum of \$128 to missions within the United States, making in all the sum of \$283 19 contributed to the cause of religion and the church.

ESSEX COUNTY.

*South Farnham Parish, St. Paul's and St. John's Churches.*

REV. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; present number—white, 47. Confirmed—white, 7. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 2. Sunday-schools, 2; teachers, 10; scholars, 62. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$146.

The Rector took charge of this Parish in September last. The confirmations reported before his predecessor (with whom he had been associated) left the Parish

FAIRFAX COUNTY.

*Fairfax Parish, Falls Church.*

Communicants—added, white, 6; withdrawn, 1; present number—white, 17. Sunday-school, 1 (not completely organized). Amount of contribution to the cause of religion and the church—

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|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| Contingent Fund, delinquency 1852 . . . . . | \$5   |
| Contingent Fund in full, 1853 . . . . .     | 17    |
|                                             | <hr/> |
|                                             | \$22  |

The Rev. W. F. Lockwood resigned the charge of Falls Church in October last, and it is still vacant. Since November, Professors May and Packard of the Theological Seminary, have kindly supplied the pulpit every alternate Sunday. Mr. Claxton, a student at the seminary, who superintends the Sunday-school, reads the service on those Sundays when there is no preaching, so that the Church is open for service every Sunday. This arrangement will continue until a Rector is called to take charge of the church, which it is hoped the congregation will be prepared to do at an early day.

*Hamilton Parish, St James's Church.*

REV. G. H. NORTON, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 22; total, 23. Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 8; present number, 57. Marriages—white, 6. Funerals—white, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$100.

A new church has just been completed, handsome and commodious.

*Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church.*

REV. C. H. SHEILD, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 11; colored infant, 1; total, 12. Communicants—removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, 27. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$76.

*Trinity and Emmanuel Churches, Fauquier and Loudon Counties, Meade Parish.*

REV. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Baptisms—white infant, 1. Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; present number—white, 27; colored, 1; total, 28. Funeral—white, 1.

## FLUVANNA COUNTY.

*Rivanna Parish, St. John's Church.*

REV. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 2. Communicants—removed, 8; present number, 14. Funeral—white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$20.

The congregation are generally good and attentive. I have a monthly service for the servants, which is very well attended. I am also in the habit of preaching at the Brick Church in the Fork of Fluvanna on the afternoons of the third Sunday in each month, and also on the fifth Sunday. At this place the congregations are very large and respectful.

## FRANKLIN AND HENRY COUNTIES.

*Patrick and Franklin Parishes, Christ Church.*

REV. ANDERSON WADE, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 5. Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 4; present number, 27. Confirmed, 9. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 3.

## FREDERICK COUNTY.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church, Winchester.*

REV. C. WALKER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 5; colored infants, 2. Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 10; present number—white, 102; colored, 4; total, 106. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 3; total, 5. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 100. Contributions about \$500.

## FREDERICKSBURG.

*St. George's Church.*

REV. E. C. McGUIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, 3; infants, 11; total, 14. Communicants—added, 12; died, 1; removed, 13; withdrawn, 3; present number, 145. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 6. Sunday-schools, 3; teachers, 22; scholars, 150. Families, 110. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$810.

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes.*

REV. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 2. Communicants—number last reported, 50; added, 5; removed, 5; present number, 50. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals, 2, white infants. Families, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$221 50.

There is nothing of particular interest to be reported, except that successful efforts have been made during the year to add to the support and comfort of the Rector.

## GREENVILLE COUNTY.

*Meherrin Parish.*

REV. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 5; colored infants, 6; total, 12. Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 2; removed, 4; present number—white, 24; colored, 14; total, 38. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Families, 12.

The Bishop's health not permitting a visitation, confirmation was not administered in the Parish.

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Roanoke Parish.*

REV. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 1; colored adults, 1. Communicants—added, colored, 1; removed, 1; present number—white, 16; colored, 1. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, about 30 or 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$330 60.

I have little to say that is encouraging, but that there is some slight increase of the congregation, which is always attentive, and thus holds out the hope that the seed sown will in time produce fruit. In Charlotte County, where I labor in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, the prospects of the church are encouraging.

*Antrim Parish.*

REV. J. GRAMMER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 16. Communicants—added, white, 2; died—colored, 1; removed, 2; present number—white, 68; colored, 25; total, 93.

ages—white, 4; colored, 1. Sunday-schools, 2; teachers, 8; scholars, 65). Families, 40. Amount which passed through my hands, of contributions cause of religion and the church, \$916 77.

#### HANOVER COUNTY.

*St. Martin's Parish, York and Trinity Churches.*

REV. WM. P. BOWERS, Rector.

isms—white infants, 6. Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 4; present number—white, 54. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 2. Families, 37. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$240.

In addition to the above contributions, some \$300 have been raised for repairing the old Church, and more than \$100 for other parish purposes, independently of the pastor's salary.

*St. Paul's Parish, Old Church.*

REV. WM. NORWOOD, Rector.

isms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 5; present number—white, 25. Confirmed—white, 7. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Families, 15.

A neat and commodious brick church in course of erection; congregation flourishing.

#### HARRISON COUNTY.

*Clarksburg Parish, Christ Church.*

REV. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

isms—white adults, 4; white infants, 6; total, 10. Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 4; died, 2; present number—white, 13. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals, 4. Families, 20.

#### JACKSON COUNTY.

*Ravenswood Parish, Grace Church.*

isms—white infant, 1. Communicants—present number, white, 11. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 7. Families, 6.

Parish is without a Pastor. We have had occasional services by the Rev. Mr. Perkins, of Parkersburg, also by Rev. Dr. McCabe, of Wheeling.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY.

*Zion Church.*

REV. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

isms—white adults, 2; white infant, 1. Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 8; withdrawn, 2; suspended, 1; present number—white, 94; colored, 4; total, 98. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 15; scholars, 130. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$598 63.



*Norbourne Parish.*

REV. C. M. CALLOWAY, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 16; colored infants, 12; total, 32. Communicants—added, white, 13; colored, 2; removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number—white, 44; colored, 4; total, 48. Confirmed—white, 12; colored, 3; total, 15. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 2. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 35. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$108.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church.*

REV. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 11; colored infant, 1; total, 12. Communicants—added, white, 7; colored, 1; died, 1; removed, 7; withdrawn, 1; present number—white, 60; colored, 1. Confirmed—white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 7; scholars, 50. Families, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$200.

REV. JOHN KEHLER, Missionary.

In June last, I removed from the diocese of Maryland to that of Virginia. From that time on until January, I officiated frequently for Rev. Mr. Andrews in Sheperds Town, Va., preaching and reading service. From January last, at the request of the Rector, I consented to act as his assistant, since which time I have officiated in that capacity. In April I took charge of the Episcopal Church at Harper's Ferry, Va., and likewise, at the same time, the church at Sharpsburg, Md., holding service at these places once in two weeks alternately.

## KABLETOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REV. W. D. HANSON, Missionary.

Baptisms—white infant, 1. Marriages—white, 5; colored, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday-schools, 3; teachers, 15; scholars, 56. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$15.

The communicants who attend my services at Kabletown and on the Blue Ridge, are embraced in the reports from Zion and Wickliffe Parishes.

## KING GEORGE COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church and Parish.*

REV. J. A. RUSSELL, Rector.

Baptisms—white, 4; colored, 3. Communicants—white, 14; removed, 4; present number, 34. Confirmed—white, 13. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 5; colored, 2. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 27. Families, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$287 23.

## KING GEORGE COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish.*

REV. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; Removed, 1; total, 18. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2.

## KANAWHA COUNTY.

*St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish.*

REV. R. T. BROWN, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 20; colored infants, 2. Communicants—added, white, 9; died, 2; removed, 8; present number—white, 42. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 7. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$110.

REMARKS.—The above report embraces the two congregations of St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, Kanawha Parish.

## LEWIS COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church, Weston Parish.*

REV. JAMES J. PAGE AND R. A. CASTLEMAN.

Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 5. Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 2; present number—white, 21. Confirmed—white, 8. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 8. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 20.

## LUNENBURG COUNTY.

*St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish.*

REV. THOMAS E. LOCKWOOD, Rector.

Baptism—colored infant, 1. Communicants—added, white, 1; died, 1; total number, 43. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 8. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 20. Number of families, 24. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: St. John's congregation \$128; St. Paul's, \$17 95; total, \$145 95.

REMARKS.—The spiritual condition of the parish is by no means such as we would desire to see it. There are some things, however, connected with St. John's Church, that indicate a spirit of progress. The church has been recently painted and otherwise fitted up; a gallery has been erected, and an excellent melodeon purchased. For these improvements, we are indebted to the zeal and enterprise of the ladies of the congregation. It is well known that some difficulty has existed, in reference to the funds belonging to this parish. I am happy to inform the Bishops and Convention, that Mr. James P. Street has secured these funds to the vestry, and expresses his deep regret at ever having had anything to do with them. Post-office, MacFarland's store, Lunenburg County.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

*Christ, White Chapel, and Grace Churches, Christ Church Parish.*

REV. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—white, last reported, 28; added, 2; total, 30. Baptisms—infants, white, 14; colored, 1; total, 15. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white adult, 1; children, 8; colored adult, 1; total, 5. Amount collected for different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$188 89. Besides this sum, \$200 have been expended in repairs on the parish parsonage.

I took charge of this parish in June last. It is, and will for some time continue to be, suffering from the effects of frequent ministerial changes during the last fifteen years, and from the occasionally entire absence of any pastor. There are

still left in it some genuine church people, who are truly pious Christians, who love God, and are very kind to their pastor. Within the past year, Grace Church, a new one, has been completed, presented to the Bishop, and consecrated through the active exertions of some of the parish laymen, and it is already filled with hearers. At Lancaster C. H., I have preached statedly. In addition to my home parochial duties performed, I preached several times, during August last, in old Sapponey Church, Dinwiddie, which is without a pastor; admitted one person, white, to communion, baptized 1 white infant, and buried 1 adult and 2 infants, colored persons.

### LOUDON COUNTY.

*St. James's Church, Shelburne Parish.*

REV. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 11; colored infants, 9; total, 21. Communicants—added, white, 10; total, 10; died, 1; removed, 5; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; present number—white, 78; colored, 2; total, 80. Marriages—white, 5; colored, 3; total, 8. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 60. Families, 70. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,100. Post-office, Leesburg, Loudon County.

REMARKS.—Our church has been repaired and improved at an expense of eight or nine hundred dollars, adding much to its neatness, comfort, and convenience. Harmony and peace prevail among its members.

### LYNCHBURG.

*St. Paul's Church.*

REV. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 18; died, 3; removed and withdrawn, 5; total, 165; of whom 4 are colored persons. Baptisms—adults, 6; infants, 11; total, 17. Confirmations, 30. Marriages—of white persons, 13; of colored, 5; total, 18. Funerals, 27. Contributions to various church and benevolent objects:—

|                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Missions, foreign, domestic, and diocesan, about | \$150 00 |
| American Sunday-school Union . . . . .           | 65 15    |
| Alms for the poor . . . . .                      | 348 00   |
| Education Society . . . . .                      | 189 00   |
| Contingent Fund . . . . .                        | 161 00   |
| Total . . . . .                                  | \$913 15 |

### MARSHALL COUNTY.

*Trinity Parish.*

REV. WILLIAM L. HYLAND, Rector.

Baptisms—adult, 1; infants, 6; total, 7. Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 4; withdrawn, 2; stricken from the list, 1; present number, 9. Confirmed, 3. Funerals, 8. Marriages, 1.

REMARKS.—About \$900 have been contributed toward the erection of a church building, and it is hoped that this work will be completed during the present year. I take this opportunity to return thanks to our friends in Wheeling and elsewhere, for their generous aid in this undertaking.

The Rector has regularly catechized the children of the congregation, on the morning of every Lord's day, and in this way he has endeavored to train them up to the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and he prays for the Divine blessing on his instructions, that the tender lambs of his "little" flock may grow up to receive the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things. Moundville Post-office, Marshall County.

## MATTHEWS COUNTY.

*Kingston Parish.*

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 1. Communicants—added, 2; present number, 7. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1. Sunday-schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 80. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$62 97.

The Rector is thankful to be able to report the completion of the new church building. It was consecrated in June last by Bishop Johns, under the name of Trinity. The attendance upon the services has been so large as to cause regret that the dimensions were not more extended.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

*Christ Church Parish.*

REV. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Communicants, 8. Confirmation—white, 2. Marriages—colored, 1. Amount of contributions for the cause of religion and the church, \$121 20. Post-office, Urbanna.

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

*St. Luke's Parish, St. Luke's, St. Timothy's, and City Churches.*

REV. THOMAS E. LOCKE, officiating, St. Timothy's; REV. J. W. CHESLEY, officiating, St. Luke's and City Churches.

Baptisms—white adult, 0; white infant, 0; colored adult, 0; colored infant, 0. Communicants—added, 3; removed, 6; died, 2; present number, 27 white; colored, 2; total, 29. Confirmations, 0. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 3. Number of families, 15.

*St. James's Parish, Trinity and St. Andrew's Churches.*

J. W. CHESLEY, Deacon.

Baptisms—white adult, 0; colored adult, 0; white infant, 0; colored infants, 3. Communicants—added, from other cures, 8; removed, 0; died, 1; present number, 28. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 0. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$20. Number of families, 28.

## NELSON COUNTY.

*Trinity and Christ Churches, Nelson Parish.*

REV. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 9. Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; total, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number—white, 27. Confirmed—white, 8. Mar-

riages—white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$28 10. Post-office, Tye River Warehouse.

#### NEW KENT COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Church.*

REV. WM. NORWOOD, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Communicants—added, white, 10; present number, 20. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals, 12, white. Number of families, 14. Contributions, Diocesan Missions, \$18. Assessment, \$20.

REMARKS.—Congregation looking up. Post-office, Old Church, Hanover County.

#### NORFOLK CITY.

*Christ Church.*

REV. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 23; colored infants, 8; total, 36. Communicants—added, white, 29; colored, 2; total, 31; removed, 28; died, 10; present number—white, 392; colored, 34; total, 426. Confirmed—white, 29; colored, 2; total, 31. Marriages—white, 7. Funerals—white, 29; colored, 2; total, 31. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 45; scholars, 240. Families, 170. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$3,325. Post-office, Norfolk.

*St. Paul's Church.*

REV. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 19; total, 22. Communicants—added, white, 28; colored, 1; total, 29; removed, 13; present number, 191; colored, 1; total, 192. Confirmed—white, 17; colored, 1; total, 18. Marriages—white, 6. Funerals—white, 16. Sunday-schools—teachers, 30; scholars, 170. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1050. Post-office, Norfolk, Va.

REMARKS.—Connected with this church, there is a parish school sustained by the congregation, which gives instruction to 30 children.

#### NORFOLK COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.*

REV. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 18. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, present number—white, 45. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 12; scholars, 8. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church:—

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Foreign Missions . . . . .             | \$20 00         |
| Diocesan Missions . . . . .            | 12 34           |
| Bible Society . . . . .                | 20 50           |
| American Sunday-school Union . . . . . | 12 37½          |
| American Tract Society . . . . .       | 9 00            |
| Contingent Fund . . . . .              | 45 00           |
| Other purposes . . . . .               | 160 00          |
| Total . . . . .                        | <u>\$279 21</u> |

*Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.*

REV. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 4; total, 8. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; total, 4; present number—white, 57; colored, 1; total, 58. Confirmed—white, 6 (one from St. John's, Hampton). Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 50. Families, 53. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$121 31. Post-office, Portsmouth, Va.

REMARKS.—I am sorry to have to say that the zeal and activity of some who were formerly noted for their devotion in the good cause of religion and the church, have very much declined of late, and that there is much room for religious improvement in many respects in this parish. May God have mercy upon us and revive us all.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

*Hungar's Parish.*

REV. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 3; total, 51. Baptisms—adult, white, 1; infants, white, 3; total, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Amount collected for church purposes:—

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Missions . . . . .               | \$38 00        |
| Virginia Bible Society . . . . . | 50 00          |
| Education Society . . . . .      | 15 00          |
| Total . . . . .                  | <hr/> \$103 00 |

Post-office, Eastville, Northampton County.

The past year in the history of this parish, has been marked by patient and continued effort in the cause of Christ, and although, to our deep humiliation, we are not permitted to report any unusual effusion of the Holy Spirit, followed by large accessions to the visible church, yet we are sustained by the blessed assurance, "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy."

## OHIO COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, St. John's Parish, Wheeling.*

REV. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Baptisms—adults, 5; infants, 22; total, 27. Communicants—added, 9; removed, 8; present number, 68. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 12. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 14; scholars, 75. Families, 38. Contributions to church purposes, \$254 00. Post-office, Wheeling, Virginia.

REMARKS.—The condition of the parish is encouraging; the people are devout and energetic, and there can be no doubt but that, with the improvement of our city and growth of population, the church will exert an influence commensurate with the increase. We are making an effort to erect a small chapel in a suburban village, and also a parsonage for the use of the Rector of the Parish.

## ORANGE COUNTY.

*St. Thomas's Church.*

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5 (one from another cure, and one from another denomination); removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 66. Baptisms—infants, white, 4. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 9. Number of families, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$156 90; contingent fund, \$66; total, \$222 90. In addition to this sum, about \$1,500 have been raised for repairing and improving the church.

## MADISON COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont Church.*

REV. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8 (two from other cures); removed, 2; died, 2; total, 20, including 2 colored persons. Baptisms—infants, white, 1; colored, 10; total, 11. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 10. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$32 52; contingent fund, \$18; total, \$50 52. Post-office, Orange Court House.

## PETERSBURG.

*St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish.*

REV. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 19. Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 14; died, 4; present number—colored, 9; total, 189. Marriages—white, 9; colored, 3; total, 12. Funerals—white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 20; scholars, 100. Families, 70. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,450.

*Grace Church.*

REV. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 7; white infants, 52; colored adult, 1; colored infants, 6; total, 66. Communicants—added, white, 22; removed, 10; withdrawn, 3; died, 3; present number—white, 133; colored, 2; total, 135. Marriages—white, 25; colored, 16; total, 41. Funerals—white, 72; colored, 12; total, 84. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 100. Amount of subscriptions to the cause of religion and the church, \$350. Post-office, Petersburg.

## PLEASANTS COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, St. John's Parish.*

REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 0; white infants, 5. Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 0; withdrawn, 0; present number—white, 10. Confirmed—white, 2. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$20. Post-office, Willerd Island P. O., Pleasant County, Va.

REMARKS.—This parish was admitted into connection with the diocese at the last

convention, since which time a neat and substantial church edifice has been completed and consecrated, and the prospects of the Parish are considered promising.

## POWHATAN COUNTY.

*St. Luke's and Emanuel's Churches, St. James Southam Parish.*

REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, 6 white; 1 colored; total, 7. Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 1; died, 2; present number—white, 81; colored, 1; total, 82. Marriages—colored, 7. Funerals—white, 6. Amount of contributions, \$150. Post-office, Sublett's Powhatan County.

## PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*Church of Epiphany, Camden Parish.*

REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 6; total, 7. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; withdrawn, 2; deaths, 2; present number—white, 47; colored, 8; total, 50. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 4. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 24. Families, 33. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$10. Post-office, Danville.

## PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

*Brandon and Merchants Hope Church, S. Martin's Brandon Parish.*

REV. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 5; colored infants, 33; total, 38. Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 2; died, 2; present number—white, 55; colored, 2; total, 57. Confirmed (no visit from the bishop). Marriages—white, 7. Funerals—white, 13; colored, not recorded. Sunday-schools, 2. Families, about 60. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$311 81½. Post-office, Garysville.

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

*Dettingen Parish, St. James's Church, Brentsville.*

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; died, 1; total, 24. Baptisms—infants, white, 8. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 3.

*Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church, Haymarket.*

REV. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; total, 82. Baptism—infant, white, 1. Marriages, 4. Funerals, 2.

## PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

*Lynnhaven Parish.*

REV. LEWIS WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; total, 28. Baptism—infant, white, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Amount contributed to Bishop's Fund, \$28.



## ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Rockingham Parish.*

REV. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants, 14; 1 removed; 1 deceased; total, 12. Confirmations, 2. Baptisms, 1 adult and 6 infants (white); 2 colored; total, 9. Funerals, 1.

*Boyden Chapel.*

Communicants, 11. Baptisms—infant, white, 1; 2 colored; total, 3.

REMARKS.—In addition to the performance of duty as Vice Principal of the Virginia Female Institute, I have officiated stately at Harrisonburg and Port Republic, in Rockingham County, and Boyden Chapel, Augusta County. Post-office, Staunton.

## ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Latimer Parish.*

REV. L. P. CLOVER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 14; colored infants, 3; total, 20. Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 8; present number—white, 42. Confirmed—white, 8. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 9; scholars, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church:—

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| American Bible Society . . . . .    | \$30 00  |
| American Tract Society . . . . .    | 12 07    |
| Staunton Female Institute . . . . . | 11 74    |
| Sunday-school . . . . .             | 27 95    |
| Communion Alms . . . . .            | 50 00    |
| Domestic Missions . . . . .         | 5 00     |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .          | 5 00     |
| Church debt . . . . .               | 182 95   |
| Total . . . . .                     | \$324 71 |

The parsonage referred to in the last report from this parish, has not been commenced. The Rector has notice that he must vacate the Baptist parsonage, and regrets that after all his efforts to procure another house have proved unsuccessful.

## ROANOKE COUNTY.

*Salem Parish.*

REV. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; 4 from other parishes; removed, 1; white, 26; colored, 1; total, 27. Baptisms—adults, 2. Confirmations, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 2.

## RICHMOND CITY.

*St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.*

REV. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 18. Communicants—added, white, 10; died, 5; removed, 4; total, 9; present number—white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Funerals—white, 15. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 12; scholars, 69. Post-office, Richmond.

## RICHMOND CITY.

*Monumental Church.*

REV. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 160; added, 35; removed, 21; died, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number, 171 (169 white, 2 colored). Baptisms—adults, 6; infants, 26; total, 32. Confirmations, 21. Marriages, 7. Funerals, 18. Amount collected for the different institutions connected with the cause of religion and the church, \$2,868 92.

*St. James's Church, Henrico Parish.*

REV. A. EMPIE, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 20. Communicants—added, white, 86; removed, 12; withdrawn, 1 (but now restored); suspended, 1; died, 8; total, 17; present number—white, 157; colored, 5; total, 162. Confirmed—white, 9. Marriages—white, 5. Sunday-schools, 2; teachers in white Sunday-school, 21; teachers in colored, 7; total, 28; scholars in white Sunday-school, 114; scholars in colored, about 50; total, 164. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,186 88. Remarks.—Number of families in the parish, 99; adults, 352; children, 262; total, 614. Post-office, city of Richmond.

*St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish.*

REV. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 19. Communicants—added, white, 35; removed, 18; withdrawn, 1; died, 6; total, 25; present number—white, 228; colored, 3; total, 231. Confirmed—white, 16. Marriages, 14; Funerals, 19. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 16, scholars, 129. Families, 130. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$4,202 12. Post-office, Richmond.

## SURRY COUNTY.

*Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish.*

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 3; colored infants, 2; total, 8. Communicants—added 1, by removal from another parish; 6 received to communion and awaiting confirmation; reported to last convention, 18; present number, 25. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Families, 10. Amount collected for Convention Fund, \$20.

REMARKS.—When I took charge of this church, giving regular service once a month, its communion numbered *five*. Under the blessing of God, the church has *prospered*. To Him be the glory! Notwithstanding the lukewarmness of a *few* not in the immediate neighborhood, and the efforts made to stifle the work of God at the old church, the Rector, cheered by as faithful a body of believers as he has ever been privileged to minister to, has been encouraged to continue his humble labors in Southwark Parish. Several are awaiting confirmation, and it is believed by those who *really* love the church in Surry, that during the present year we shall succeed in raising money enough to build a new church. The old building is ours by every moral and legal right, but to give the church her own in Virginia, is *unpopular*. Therefore, rather than come in conflict with prejudice and ignorance, we shall

quietly yield, and build a house to the Lord our God, in which we may worship and serve Him, "with none to hinder or make us afraid."

#### STAFFORD COUNTY.

##### *Overwharton Parish.*

Being without a minister, the wardens present to the Convention the following brief report:—

At one time there were two churches in this parish, viz.: Aquia and Potomack. One only now remains. Potomack Church has long been in ruins. Aquia, repaired some thirty years ago, was for a time supplied with the regular services of the church. A vacancy in the rectorship occurring, the building suffered much, at length, from disuse and neglect. But of late, with an increase of Episcopal residents, a new interest has been manifested for the restoration of the church and the settlement of a minister. The house is now being repaired at an expense of about \$1500, and when finished, will be found a very commodious and handsome church. A vestry has been recently elected and duly organized, and it is the earnest desire of its members that they may be enabled to secure, at an early day, the services of a suitable minister of the Word and Sacraments. For the adequate maintenance of such a one, they believe provision can be readily made.

PETER D. G. HEDGMAN, } Wardens.  
J. C. MONCURE,

#### WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

##### *Montross Parish.*

REV. WILLIAM MCGUIRE, Rector.

Number of communicants, 7. Marriage, 1. Confirmation, 1. Funeral, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 9; scholars, 60. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, \$27. Post-office, the Hague, Westmoreland County.

##### *Harmony Church, Cople Parish.*

REV. W. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 4. Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 1; present number—white, 20. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Families, 18. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$8. Post-office, The Hague, Westmoreland County.

REMARKS.—I took charge of this parish in last December, but I give the report of the ecclesiastical year.

#### WILLIAMSBURG.

##### *Bruton Parish.*

REV. HENRY M. DENISON, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 7; total, 11. Communicants—added, white, 11; colored, 1; total, 12; removed, 5; suspended, 1; total, 6; present number—white, 98; colored, 4; total, 102. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funeral—white, 1. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 19; scholars, 98. Families, 62. Amount of subscriptions to the cause of religion and the church, \$278 96. Post-office, Williamsburg, Va.

**REMARKS.**—This report is for six months *only*, during which time the present Rector has had charge of the parish. Besides the contributions above named, a new gallery has been erected in the church for the servants by the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies, and other improvements made at the expense of the congregation.

## WOOD COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Trinity Parish.*

REV. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 4; colored infant, 1; total, 6. Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 8; present number—white, 31. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 4. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$100. Post-office, Parkersburg, Wood County, Va.

**REMARKS.**—The removals reported above are in consequence of the formation of a separate parish, in Pleasants County, which parish embraces within its limits these communicants who were formerly reported as members of Trinity Parish, though not actually embraced within its territorial limits. The Rector of this parish would remark that he officiates occasionally at Belleville and Ravenswood, where churches have been built, and occasionally at Point Pleasant, where there are several members of our communion. These points are greatly in need of regular ministerial services, and are ready to contribute liberally to the support of any young man who would be willing to labor among them.

## WETZEL COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church, Wetzel Parish.*

REV. JAMES D. McCABE, officiating.

Present number of communicants, 9. Marriage, 1. Families, 9.

This parish, which was received into communion with the Convention at the last convention, is dependent entirely upon the services given to it gratuitously by Rev. W. L. Hyland and myself; its condition is healthy, and with stated services it would soon become one of the most promising parishes on the Ohio River.

There are now several candidates for confirmation, and it is to me a source of profound regret that it was necessarily omitted in the Bishop's recent visitation in this region.

JAMES D. McCABE, Missionary.

## ALEXANDRIA.

The Rev. George A. Smith reports that being, as heretofore, unfitted by physical disability for parochial duty, he continues to act as editor of the *Southern Churchman*. It may not be out of place to add, that the condition of this paper, in which the diocese at large has manifested much interest, is increasingly encouraging, while it needs the persevering efforts of all who desire its permanent efficiency, in order to extend its circulation to a point which will insure this object.

## BEDFORD COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Heber Parish.*

REV. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 9; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number—white, 26. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday-school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Post-office, Big Island, Bedford County.

*St. Thomas's Church, West Russell Parish.*

REV. N. SALE, Rector.

Baptisms—colored adults, 4. Communicants—removed, 8; present number—white, 18. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 8. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$24. Post-office, Big Island, Bedford County.

## SYNOPSIS FOR 1853.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Communicants—Added . . . . .      | 659 |
| “ Died . . . . .                  | 97  |
| “ Suspended . . . . .             | 10  |
| “ Removed and withdrawn . . . . . | 408 |

Total number of communicants as far as reported . . . 5,299

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|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Baptisms—Adults { White 95 } Total . . . . . | 104 |
| { Colored 9 }                                |     |

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| Baptisms—Infants { White 682 } Total . . . . . | 840 |
| { Colored 158 }                                |     |

Confirmations . . . . . 348

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| Marriages { White 365 } Total . . . . . | 445 |
| { Colored 80 }                          |     |

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| Funerals { White 465 } Total . . . . . | 520 |
| { Colored 65 }                         |     |

Number of Families . . . . . 1,059

“ “ Sunday-schools . . . . . 52

“ “ Teachers . . . . . 565

“ “ Scholars . . . . . 2,975

Contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church . \$26,680

*Vote by the Secretary.*—Persons comparing this Synopsis with that of previous years, will bear in mind that this Convention was held in a distant part of the diocese, and the representation not so large as usual. Reports from only eighty-seven churches were presented to the Convention (only about three-fourths of the number that were reported to the last Convention), and the number since received by the Secretary too few to materially affect the consideration.

## APPENDIX NO. II.

THE Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the property of the Virginia Institute at Staunton, reports to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church that he has received the following contributions to the fund, viz. :—

|                                  |                                                           |          |      |
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| 1851.                            |                                                           |          |      |
| May.                             | Received from Grace Church, Petersburg . . . . .          |          | \$   |
| July 4.                          | “ of the Rev. J. Peterkin, collections made by him        |          |      |
| Nov. 7.                          | “ from a friend, by the Rev. R. H. Wilmer . . . .         |          |      |
| 1852.                            |                                                           |          |      |
| Feb. 21.                         | “ of the Rev. T. T. Castleman, amount of collections      |          |      |
|                                  | made by him, viz. :— . . . . .                            |          |      |
|                                  | Christ Church, Norfolk . . . . .                          | \$328 50 |      |
|                                  | St. Paul's Church, Norfolk . . . . .                      | 52 00    |      |
|                                  | The churches in Portsmouth . . . . .                      | 83 00    |      |
| March 25.                        | “ of the Rev. C. Walker, amount of collections made       |          |      |
|                                  | by him in the city of Richmond . . . . .                  |          |      |
| May 18.                          | “ of Col. T. N. Burwell, amount of the pledge of          |          |      |
|                                  | Botetourt Parish . . . . .                                |          |      |
| “ 19.                            | “ of J. R. Jones, amount of pledge from St. An-           |          |      |
|                                  | drew's Parish, Brunswick . . . . .                        |          |      |
| “ “                              | “ of P. G. Robert, from Meherrin Parish . . . .           |          |      |
| “ “                              | “ of Wm. Stephens, his contribution . . . . .             |          |      |
|                                  |                                                           |          | \$1, |
| “ “                              | Deduct the expenses of the Rev. T. T. Castleman, the Rev. |          |      |
|                                  | C. Walker, and the Rev. J. Peterkin . . . . .             |          |      |
|                                  |                                                           |          | \$   |
| “ “                              | Received of Mr. Baker, Norfolk, his contribution . . . .  |          |      |
| “ “                              | “ from Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, by Rev. Mr.          |          |      |
|                                  | Locke . . . . .                                           |          |      |
| “ “                              | “ from St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, by Mr. J.           |          |      |
|                                  | Rowlett . . . . .                                         |          |      |
| “ “                              | “ from Woodville Parish, Trinity Church, in part of       |          |      |
|                                  | pledge, by Mr. E. Valentine . . . . .                     |          |      |
| Amount carried forward . . . . . |                                                           |          | \$1, |

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|          |                                                         | Amount brought forward . . . | \$1,099 79 |
| May 19.  | Received from the Rev. Mr. Wharton's Parish, in full of |                              |            |
|          | pledge . . . . .                                        |                              | 100 00     |
| " "      | from Dale Parish, Chesterfield, in part of pledge       |                              |            |
|          | by the Rev. A. B. Tizzard . . . . .                     |                              | 25 00      |
| " "      | from Trinity Parish, Louisa, in full of pledge, by      |                              |            |
|          | the Rev. John Cook . . . . .                            |                              | 100 00     |
| " "      | from Antrim Parish, Halifax, by the Rev. John           |                              |            |
|          | Grammer . . . . .                                       |                              | 113 00     |
| " "      | of Wm. P. Stewart, by the Rev. Wm. M. Jackson           |                              | 20 00      |
| " "      | of the Rev. C. W. Andrews, his contribution . . . . .   |                              | 5 00       |
| " "      | from Mr. C. T. Butler, by the Rev. C. W. Andrews        |                              | 5 00       |
| " 20.    | from Roanoke Parish, Halifax, Rev. J. T. Clarke         |                              | 83 83      |
| " "      | from St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County, in full       |                              |            |
|          | of the pledge, by Col. Fontaine . . . . .               |                              | 100 00     |
| " 21.    | from Fairfax Parish, Falls Church, in part of pledge    |                              | 19 30      |
| " "      | from Shelburne Parish, pledge by Rev. G. Adie . . . . . |                              | 100 00     |
| " "      | from Roanoke Parish, Halifax County, by Rev. J.         |                              |            |
|          | T. Clarke . . . . .                                     |                              | 66 67      |
| " "      | of S. D. Whittle, his contribution . . . . .            |                              | 8 00       |
| " "      | from St. Ann's and South Farnham Parishes, in           |                              |            |
|          | part of pledge, by the Rev. John McGuire . . . . .      |                              | 67 50      |
| " 22.    | from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, in part       |                              |            |
|          | of pledge, by the Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .          |                              | 100 00     |
| " "      | of Col. John Chewning, his contribution . . . . .       |                              | 20 00      |
| " "      | of Philip Williams, his contribution . . . . .          |                              | 10 00      |
| " "      | from Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County, in full of        |                              |            |
|          | pledge, by Rev. J. Peterkin . . . . .                   |                              | 150 00     |
| " "      | from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, in full of pledge    |                              | 160 00     |
| " "      | of Miss Agnes Gray, \$10; of Mr. Wm. Pollock,           |                              |            |
|          | \$20 (in part of pledge from St. George's Church,       |                              |            |
|          | Fredericksburg) . . . . .                               |                              | 30 00      |
| " 24.    | of J. H. Pointdexter, Richmond, his contribution        |                              | 5 00       |
| June 30. | of Mitchel and Tyler, their contributions . . . . .     |                              | 25 00      |
| July 2.  | of Mrs. Bowan, Middlesex, by Bishop Johns . . . . .     |                              | 2 50       |
| Sept. 1. | from Zion Church, Charlestown, by Rev. D. A.            |                              |            |
|          | Tyng . . . . .                                          |                              | 47 11      |
| Oct. 24. | Amount of collection, St. John's Church, Henrico        |                              |            |
|          | Parish . . . . .                                        |                              | 18 68      |
| " 28.    | of Jos. R. Anderson, his contribution . . . . .         |                              | 100 00     |
| Nov. 4.  | Received from St. Paul's Church, King George, by Bishop |                              |            |
|          | Meade . . . . .                                         |                              | 10 00      |
| " "      | from a member of the Monumental Church, Rich-           |                              |            |
|          | mond . . . . .                                          |                              | 3 00       |
| " 6.     | of Miss D. Couch, her contribution . . . . .            |                              | 5 00       |
| " "      | of Mr. Wm. H. Macfarland, his contribution . . . . .    |                              | 100 00     |
|          | Amount carried forward . . . . .                        |                              | \$2,638 88 |



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|         | Amount brought forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$2,638 |         |
| Nov. 6. | The Rev T. T. Castleman deposited to the credit of the treasurer, in answer to the pledge of Mr. Ambler's Parish                                                                                                                                              |         | 50      |
| March.  | Received from Frederickville Parish, in part of pledge, by the Rev. S. R. Slack, being the contributions of Miss Frances Michie, Miss Virginia Michie, Col. Wm. Michie, Mr. A. H. Michie, and Mrs. Mary Oldham, each \$5                                      |         | 2       |
| April.  | " amount of collections in the following churches, by Rev. John Cole, viz. :—                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |         |
|         | St. Paul's Church, Culpepper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$17 22 |         |
|         | St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 30   |         |
|         | St. James's Church, Culpepper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 64    | 3       |
| May 12. | " from Frederickville Parish, in part of pledge, by the Rev. S. R. Slack, being the contributions of Raleigh Colston, Col. G. W. Kinsolving, T. B. Bowen, James M. Bowen, Edward Tearneyhow, Seth Burnley, R. W. N. Noland, and Dr. James B. Rogers, each \$5 | \$45 00 |         |
|         | Dr. Wm. B. Rogers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2 50    |         |
|         | Miss N. M. Gehee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 50    |         |
|         | Mrs. S. J. Key                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 00    | 45      |
| " 18.   | " from Antrim Parish, by the Rev. John Grammer, being the contributions of Mr. J. C. Bruce                                                                                                                                                                    | \$25 00 |         |
|         | Mr. D. Chalmers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9 00    |         |
|         | Mr. J. Grammer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5 00    |         |
|         | Mr. R. A. Munell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 00    |         |
|         | Miss L. Spear                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 00    |         |
|         | Mr. Wm. H. Clarke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5 00    |         |
|         | Mr. J. S. Lewellen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2 00    |         |
|         | D. L. Faulkner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 00    |         |
|         | Mr. M. E. Grammer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 00    | 50      |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         | \$2,843 |
| " 14.   | The Treasurer has deposited in the branch of the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, and checked in favor of the Committee of the Convention for the same amount                                                                                                  | 2,700   |         |
|         | Balance in the hands of the Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 143     |         |
|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         | \$2,843 |

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer*

## APPENDIX NO. III.

Ocean Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon  
Treasurer.

|                                                                                   | Cr.      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| By balance on hand this day . . . . .                                             | \$393 25 |
| “ contributions from Antrim Parish, Halifax County,<br>through Rev. Wm. Grammer:— |          |
| Miss M. L. Spear . . . . .                                                        | \$1 00   |
| Mr. R. A. Marrett . . . . .                                                       | 2 00     |
| Mr. Thomas Bruce . . . . .                                                        | 5 00     |
| Mr. E. A. Clarke . . . . .                                                        | 10 00    |
| Mrs. Eliza Bruce, legacy . . . . .                                                | 50 00    |
| Mr. D. Cosby . . . . .                                                            | 5 00     |
| Miss Mary Smith . . . . .                                                         | 1 00     |
| Col. C. H. Cubaniss . . . . .                                                     | 2 00     |
| Rev. J. Grammer . . . . .                                                         | 10 00    |
| Mrs. M. E. Grammer . . . . .                                                      | 2 50     |
| Mrs. Mary Bally . . . . .                                                         | 7 50     |
| R. Logan . . . . .                                                                | 5 00     |
| E. B. Estis . . . . .                                                             | 2 50     |
| Mrs. Eli Earley . . . . .                                                         | 2 00     |
| Mrs. F. K. Green . . . . .                                                        | 1 00     |
|                                                                                   | 106 50   |
| “ cash received of Roanoke Parish, by Rev. J. T. Clarke                           | 81 66    |
| “ “ “ E. Valentine, Esq., Treasurer <i>pro tem.</i> , viz.:—                      |          |
| St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, Rev. Wm.                                            |          |
| Bowers . . . . .                                                                  | \$6 00   |
| Wm. Stevens, Esq., Lexington . . . . .                                            | 10 00    |
| Christ Church, Middlesex, Rev. G. S.                                              |          |
| Carraway . . . . .                                                                | 21 89    |
| Kingston Parish, Matthews City, per                                               |          |
| Rev. G. S. Carraway . . . . .                                                     | 7 51     |
| Mrs. E. R. Clayton, St. Paul's Church,                                            |          |
| per Wm. Shelton . . . . .                                                         | 5 00     |
| Mrs. H. Stribling, Staunton, per Rev.                                             |          |
| Mr. Castleman . . . . .                                                           | 5 00     |
| Amount carried forward . . . . .                                                  | \$581 41 |

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|         | Amount brought forward . . . . .                                                                                                             | \$5       |
|         | Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, per<br>Rev. Mr. Locke . . . . .                                                                                | 9 75      |
|         | Christ Church, Alexandria, per Rev. Mr.<br>Dana . . . . .                                                                                    | 40 00     |
|         | Genito Parish, per Rev. Mr. Berkley . . . . .                                                                                                | 15 00     |
|         | Mrs. M. J. Davis, per E. Davis, Esq. . . . .                                                                                                 | 2 50      |
|         | Dr. S. B. Christian, per Rev. Mr. Mere-<br>dith . . . . .                                                                                    | 5 00      |
|         | Tillotson Parish, per Bishop Johns . . . . .                                                                                                 | 25 00     |
|         | St. Thomas's Church, Orange County,<br>per Rev. Mr. Earnest . . . . .                                                                        | 17 43     |
|         | St. James's Parish, Culpepper, per Rev.<br>Mr. Cole . . . . .                                                                                | 9 73      |
|         | Walker's Church, Albemarle County, per<br>Rev. Mr. Boyden . . . . .                                                                          | 6 50      |
|         | Mrs. Emma Breckenridge, per Col. Bur-<br>well . . . . .                                                                                      | 6 00      |
|         | Mrs. Iocabile, per Rev. F. D. Goodwin . . . . .                                                                                              | 5 00      |
|         | Rev. H. M. Dennison . . . . .                                                                                                                | 10 00     |
|         |                                                                                                                                              | <u>2C</u> |
| June 9. | By cash St. Paul's Church, Romney, per Rev. W. N. Irish                                                                                      |           |
| " "     | " " " " from Rev. T. J. Johnston, viz. :—                                                                                                    |           |
|         | Mrs. A. B. Wilmer and family . . . . .                                                                                                       | \$10 22   |
|         | A gentleman of St. Paul's congrega-<br>tion, Alexandria . . . . .                                                                            | 5 00      |
| " 28.   | " " " " from Salem Parish, Roanoke, per Rev. G. T. Wilmer                                                                                    |           |
| " "     | By Mrs. S. Stuart, Haymarket, Prince William, by Rev. J.<br>Towles . . . . .                                                                 |           |
| " "     | " Monumental Church, Richmond, per Rev. G. Woodbridge                                                                                        |           |
| " "     | " cash received of Bishop Johns, viz. :—                                                                                                     |           |
|         | Hungars Church, Northampton . . . . .                                                                                                        | \$13 23   |
|         | Centurion Church, Old Point . . . . .                                                                                                        | 22 83     |
|         | St. John's, Tappahannock . . . . .                                                                                                           | 15 33     |
|         | St. Paul's, Essex . . . . .                                                                                                                  | 17 61     |
|         | Vawter's, Essex . . . . .                                                                                                                    | 11 06     |
|         | Port Royal . . . . .                                                                                                                         | 26 85     |
|         |                                                                                                                                              | <u>10</u> |
| July 8. | " cash received of the Missionary Society of the P. E. Theo-<br>logical Seminary of Virginia, per W. H. Brooke, Esq.,<br>Treasurer . . . . . |           |
| " 9.    | " cash in account, Mrs. J. Allen, per Rev. G. Woodbridge                                                                                     |           |
| " 12.   | " cash from George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev.<br>E. C. McGuire . . . . .                                                             |           |
| " 31.   | " cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor,<br>Esq. . . . .                                                                     | 1         |
|         | Amount carried forward . . . . .                                                                                                             | \$1,0     |

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|         | Amount brought forward . . . . .                                                                                                                       | \$1,072 41 |        |
| 18.     | By cash from Bishop Johns, as follows:—                                                                                                                |            |        |
|         | Leeds Church, Fauquier . . . . .                                                                                                                       | \$48 20    |        |
|         | Culpepper C. H. . . . .                                                                                                                                | 22 00      |        |
|         | Walker's Church, Albemarle . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 7 00       |        |
|         | St. Paul's Church, Albemarle . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 8 00       |        |
|         | Ascension Church, Amherst . . . . .                                                                                                                    | 22 00      |        |
|         | Mrs. Jane H. Garland . . . . .                                                                                                                         | 5 00       |        |
|         |                                                                                                                                                        |            | 107 20 |
| 1.      | " cash from Zion Church, Charlestown, Virginia, per Rev. D. A. Tyng . . . . .                                                                          |            | 15 50  |
| 5.      | " cash from Miss Mary Flemming, Goochland, per Rev. F. M. Whittle . . . . .                                                                            |            | 2 00   |
| "       | " cash from Rev. Mr. Johnston, through Mr. James Entwisle, contribution of Miss E. Winter, of Alexandria . . . . .                                     |            | 5 00   |
| 2.      | " cash of Rev. Mr. Denison, per Rev. G. Woodbridge . . . . .                                                                                           |            | 10 00  |
| 6.      | " " Rev. E. T. Perkins, from collections in his congregation at Parkersburg . . . . .                                                                  |            | 15 00  |
| 8.      | " cash from a gentleman of Richmond . . . . .                                                                                                          |            | 10 00  |
| 9.      | " " " Grace Church, Petersburg, per Rev. C. J. Gibson . . . . .                                                                                        |            | 30 00  |
| 17.     | " " " Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq. . . . .                                                                                        |            | 100 00 |
| 24.     | " cash from St. James's Church, Richmond, per Fred. Bransford, Esq. . . . .                                                                            |            | 45 25  |
| 25.     | " cash from Bishop Johns, from the following churches, viz:—                                                                                           |            |        |
|         | King George C. H. . . . .                                                                                                                              | \$6 08     |        |
|         | St. Paul's Church, K. G. . . . .                                                                                                                       | 18 88      |        |
|         | Tyro Comico . . . . .                                                                                                                                  | 9 23       |        |
|         | White Chapel . . . . .                                                                                                                                 | 4 25       |        |
|         | Christ Church, Lancaster . . . . .                                                                                                                     | 18 12      |        |
|         |                                                                                                                                                        |            | 51 01  |
| Dec. 6. | " cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .                                                                      |            | 30 08  |
| " "     | " cash for interest on late Mrs. Fidelia Ball (of Lancaster City), trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .                                        |            | 14 00  |
| " 11.   | " cash from Miss Agnes Gray, of Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .                                                                       |            | 10 00  |
| " 20.   | " cash from Monumental Church, Richmond, per. J. M. Baker, Esq., collected Sunday, 19th instant, by Bishop Johns, after confirmation service . . . . . |            | 70 64  |
| " "     | " cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per Rev. Dr. Jones, collected 19th instant, by Bishop Johns, after confirmation service . . . . .             |            | 84 13  |
| " 22.   | " cash from St. James's Church, Richmond, per Bishop Johns, being his collection in that church, after confirmation service, 19th instant . . . . .    |            | 49 48  |
|         | Amount carried forward . . . . .                                                                                                                       | \$1,721 70 |        |

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|          |                                                                         | Amount brought forward . . . . . | \$1 |
| Dec. 22. | By cash in account, Wm. Yates Downman, Esq., of Belle Isle, Va. . . . . |                                  |     |
| " "      | " " " Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per Rev. D. F. Sprigg . . . . .      | \$16 00                          |     |
| " "      | " " " Miss McIntyre, of Pa., by Rev. D. F. Sprigg . . . . .             | 4 00                             |     |

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| Jan. 4.  | " " " Rev. Charles Mann, say for Ware and Abingdon Parishes, each \$10 . . . . .                         |         |  |
| " 5.     | " " " Rev. F. M. Whittle, say from St. Paul's Church, Goochland . . . . .                                | \$6 65  |  |
| " "      | " " " Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County . . . . .                                                          | 20 00   |  |
| " 8.     | " " " Grace Church, Genito Parish, by Rev. P. F. Berkley . . . . .                                       |         |  |
| " 12.    | " " " Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, per Rev. H. M. Denison . . . . .                                      | \$45 00 |  |
|          | Contribution of Sunday-school of same . . . . .                                                          | 9 63    |  |
| " 13.    | " cash from St. John's Church, Hampton, per Rev. J. C. McCabe . . . . .                                  |         |  |
| " 18.    | " " " Christ Church, Norfolk, per Rev. G. D. Cummins . . . . .                                           |         |  |
| " "      | " " " a member of St. James's Church, Culpepper, per Rev. J. Cole . . . . .                              |         |  |
| " "      | " " " a communicant of Monumental Church, Richmond, by Rev. George Woodbridge . . . . .                  |         |  |
| " "      | " " " Martin's, Brandon Parish, viz. :— per Rev. C. Minnigerode, Brandon Church . . . . .                | \$25 00 |  |
| " "      | " " " Merchant's Hope . . . . .                                                                          | 8 45    |  |
| " "      | " " " Contribution of C. M. . . . .                                                                      | 10 00   |  |
| " 24.    | " " " Abingdon Parish, per. Rev. Charles Mann . . . . .                                                  |         |  |
| " "      | " " " Ware Church, per Rev. Charles Mann . . . . .                                                       |         |  |
| " 16.    | " " " Mrs. Ann Niblett, of Lunenburg, per Rev. T. E. Locke . . . . .                                     |         |  |
| " 31.    | " " " Mrs. A. M. Laedley, of Kanawha, per Rev. R. T. Brown . . . . .                                     |         |  |
| Feb. 12. | " " " Rev. R. K. Meade, collected at Christ Church, Charlottesville . . . . .                            |         |  |
| " 15.    | " cash received of Rev. E. C. McGuire, being interest on Trust Fund . . . . .                            |         |  |
| " 24.    | " " " from a "friend to Diocesan Missions" of Northampton County, Va., per. Rev. G. Woodbridge . . . . . |         |  |
|          | Amount carried forward . . . . .                                                                         | \$2     |  |

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|              |                                                                                          | Amount brought forward . . . . . | \$2,194 78 |
| March 4.     | By cash from St. Thomas's Church, Orange, per Rev. J. Earnest . . . . .                  |                                  | 25 00      |
| " " " " "    | Piedmont Church, Madison, per Rev. J. Earnest . . . . .                                  |                                  | 10 00      |
| " 5. " " "   | a lady of St. Paul's Church, Albemarle, per Rev. S. R. Slack . . . . .                   |                                  | 1 00       |
| " 7. " " "   | Miss A. E. Shepperd, of Shepperdstown, per Rev. G. Woodbridge and W. Andrews . . . . .   |                                  | 2 00       |
| " 10. " " "  | Raleigh Parish, Amelia, per Rev. P. T. Berkley . . . . .                                 |                                  | 5 00       |
| " 14. " " "  | a lady of Portsmouth, by Bishop Johns . . . . .                                          |                                  | 5 00       |
| " " " " "    | D. H. Gordon, Esq., of Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .                  |                                  | 25 00      |
| " 19. " " "  | Miss Anna R. Trent, of Richmond . . . . .                                                |                                  | 30 00      |
| " 22. " " "  | Roanoke Parish, Halifax, Per. Rev. J. T. Clarke . . . . .                                |                                  | 20 00      |
| " 21. " " "  | Mr. Bell . . . . .                                                                       |                                  | 1 00       |
| " 24. " " "  | Rev. E. Withers, of Lancaster, the donation of a gentleman of his communion . . . . .    |                                  | 10 00      |
| April 10.    | cash of Bishop Johns, for collections by him at the following churches:—                 |                                  |            |
|              | St. Thomas's Church, Charles City . . . . .                                              | \$20 36                          |            |
|              | Weston . . . . .                                                                         | 14 50                            |            |
|              | St. Peter's, New Kent . . . . .                                                          | 13 00                            |            |
|              | Old Church, Hanover . . . . .                                                            | 6 75                             |            |
|              | Fork Church, Hanover . . . . .                                                           | 20 25                            |            |
|              | St. John's, Spottsylvania . . . . .                                                      | 6 42                             |            |
|              | St. Margaret's, Caroline . . . . .                                                       | 10 25                            |            |
|              | Mr. Hurt, Christ Church, Spottsylvania . . . . .                                         | 2 50                             |            |
|              |                                                                                          |                                  | 94 03      |
| " 14. " "    | cash from Mrs. Mary G. Watson, White Day P. O., per Rev. G. A. Smith . . . . .           |                                  | 2 50       |
| " 16. " " "  | Rev. G. Adie, for collections in his Parish . . . . .                                    |                                  | 20 66      |
| " " " " "    | Mr. Wm. Stevens, of Lexington, Va. . . . .                                               |                                  | 10 00      |
| " 18. " " "  | St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, through Rev. J. T. Johnston and J. Entwisle, Esq. . . . . | \$112 46                         |            |
|              | Sunday-school children of said church, by same . . . . .                                 | 81 10                            |            |
|              |                                                                                          |                                  | 143 56     |
| " 23. " " "  | Mrs. Harriet Skinker, Fauquier, per Rev. G. H. Norton . . . . .                          |                                  | 5 00       |
| " 28. " " "  | Christ Church, Norfolk, per Rev. G. D. Cummins . . . . .                                 |                                  | 75 00      |
| " 30. " " "  | St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire . . . . .                    |                                  | 16 72      |
| May 6. " " " | Salem Parish, Roanoke, per Rev. G. T. Wilmer . . . . .                                   |                                  | 30 00      |
| " 9. " " "   | a member of St. Paul's Church, Richmond . . . . .                                        |                                  | 10 00      |
|              | Amount carried forward . . . . .                                                         |                                  | \$2,786 25 |

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|         | Amount brought forward . . . . .                                                                    | \$2,736  |         |
| May 12. | By cash from Miss M. A. D. Whittle, of Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, per Rev. T. E. Locke . . . . . | \$2 00   |         |
|         | R. A. Atkinson, of same by same . . . . .                                                           | 5 00     |         |
|         | R. B. Atkinson, " " . . . . .                                                                       | 4 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. Sarah G. Jones, " " . . . . .                                                                  | 50       |         |
|         | Dr. B. M. Atkinson " " . . . . .                                                                    | 1 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. Lucy A. Locke " " . . . . .                                                                    | 2 50     |         |
|         |                                                                                                     |          | 15      |
| " 18.   | " " " " Antrim Parish, Halifax, per Rev. J. Grammer, viz. :—                                        |          |         |
|         | Mr. R. A. Murrell . . . . .                                                                         | \$2 00   |         |
|         | Miss Mary Smith . . . . .                                                                           | 1 00     |         |
|         | Misses Rebecca, Martha, and Eliza Leigh, each \$1 . . . . .                                         | 3 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. Sarah A. Leigh . . . . .                                                                       | 1 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. P. F. Holt . . . . .                                                                           | 2 50     |         |
|         | Mrs. N. C. Bruce . . . . .                                                                          | 5 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. J. S. Lewellen . . . . .                                                                       | 3 50     |         |
|         | Mr. E. B. Estis . . . . .                                                                           | 2 50     |         |
|         | Mrs. Mary Bailey . . . . .                                                                          | 10 00    |         |
|         | Mrs. E. A. Clark . . . . .                                                                          | 10 00    |         |
|         | Mrs. Eliza Bruce's legacy . . . . .                                                                 | 50 00    |         |
|         | Mr. D. Cosby, Jr. . . . .                                                                           | 5 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. M. E. Grammer . . . . .                                                                        | 2 50     |         |
|         | Col. C. H. Cubaniss . . . . .                                                                       | 2 00     |         |
|         |                                                                                                     |          | 100     |
| May 18. | By cash from Antrim Parish, by Rev. J. Grammer, contribution . . . . .                              | \$100 00 |         |
|         | Rev. J. Grammer . . . . .                                                                           | 10 00    |         |
|         | Mrs. E. S. Earley . . . . .                                                                         | 3 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. F. H. Green . . . . .                                                                          | 1 00     |         |
|         | Mrs. C. S. Earley . . . . .                                                                         | 1 00     |         |
|         | Miss M. L. Spear . . . . .                                                                          | 2 00     |         |
|         | Mr. Richard Logan . . . . .                                                                         | 5 00     |         |
|         | Thomas G. Coleman . . . . .                                                                         | 7 50     |         |
|         |                                                                                                     |          | 129     |
|         |                                                                                                     |          | \$2,980 |
| " 14.   | " balance on hand . . . . .                                                                         |          | \$1,034 |

Richmond, May 14, 1853.

I herewith furnish my account with the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virgin showing receipts since last Convention amounting to \$2,487 50. Payments to Missionaries, and purchase of prayer-books, tracts, &c., for the same time, as 1 vouchers enclosed, \$1,945 96, leaving in the treasury to the credit of the Society this date, \$934 79.

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer*.





## APPENDIX NO. IV.

William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account

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|           |                                                            |                   |
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| May 24.   | To cash received from Lexington Parish, Amherst County,    |                   |
|           | for Contingent Fund . . . . .                              | \$10 00           |
| " "       | " " " " " from Col. G. M. Carrington, <i>Secretary pro</i> |                   |
|           | <i>tem.</i> of Convention, for Contingent Fund . . . . .   | 8,745 83          |
| " 27.     | " " " " " from D. F. Sprigg, for Norman Parish,            |                   |
|           | Berkley County, for Contingent Fund . . . . .              | 2 00              |
| " 28.     | " " " " " from Col. G. M. Carrington, <i>Secretary pro</i> |                   |
|           | <i>tem.</i> of Convention, for Contingent Fund . . . . .   | 1,262 85          |
| June 25.  | " " " " " "per letter from Bishop Meade," from             |                   |
|           | Rev. Mr. Weble, Dinwiddie County, for                      |                   |
|           | Contingent Fund . . . . .                                  | 8 00              |
| July 6.   | " " " " " from Rev. Thomas E. Looke, from Cumber-          |                   |
|           | land, Lunenburg County, for Contingent                     |                   |
|           | Fund . . . . .                                             | 8 00              |
| " "       | " " " " " St. James's Church, Mecklenburg County,          |                   |
|           | for Contingent Fund . . . . .                              | 6 00              |
| Sept. 18. | " " " " " from Rev. Wm. McGuire, from Washington           |                   |
|           | Parish, for Contingent Fund . . . . .                      | 2 00              |
| " "       | " " " " " Montrose Parish, for Contingent Fund . . . . .   | 1 00              |
| 1853.     |                                                            |                   |
| Feb. 11.  | " " " " " from Mr. B. M. Eoff, Treasurer, St. John's       |                   |
|           | Church, St. John's Parish, Ohio County,                    |                   |
|           | for Contingent Fund for 1852 . . . . .                     | 53 00             |
| May 12.   | " balance . . . . .                                        | 426 83            |
|           |                                                            | <u>\$5,520 01</u> |

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| ay 18. | By balance due Treasurer this date per account rendered .               |             |     |   | \$219 91          |
| ' "    | " cash paid Bishop Meade, travelling expenses and postage to this date. | Voucher No. | 1.  |   | 173 00            |
| ' "    | " " " Bishop Meade, on acc't salary.                                    | " "         | 2.  |   | 300 00            |
| ' "    | " " " Bishop Meade, draft favor R. L. Horner.                           | " "         | 3.  |   | 200 00            |
| ' "    | " " " Broken bank note.                                                 | " "         | 4.  |   | 2 00              |
| ' 24.  | " " " Discount on uncurrent note .                                      | .           | .   | . | 1 00              |
| ' "    | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 5.  |   | 50 00             |
| ' "    | " " " Cassius F. Lee, Sec'y's draft.                                    | " "         | 6.  |   | 8 75              |
| ' "    | " " " " " " " "                                                         | " "         | 7.  |   | 7 00              |
| ' "    | " " " W. A. Irving, "door keeper."                                      | " "         | 8.  |   | 15 00             |
| me 1.  | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 9.  |   | 50 00             |
| ly 9.  | " " " Bishop Johns' draft.                                              | " "         | 10. |   | 800 00            |
| ' 27.  | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 11. |   | 75 00             |
| ag. 2. | " " " C. F. Lee, Sec'y's draft.                                         | " "         | 12. |   | 250 75            |
| pt. 1. | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 13. |   | 500 00            |
| ' 6.   | " " " C. F. Lee, Sec'y's draft.                                         | " "         | 14. |   | 52 90             |
| ' 16.  | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 15. |   | 100 00            |
| ' 8.   | " " " Bishop Johns' draft.                                              | " "         | 16. |   | 624 00            |
| ' 30.  | " " " Bishop Johns' draft.                                              | " "         | 17. |   | 500 00            |
| 53.    |                                                                         |             |     |   |                   |
| n. 1.  | " " " Postage on circulars .                                            | .           | .   | . | 70                |
| ' 3.   | " " " Charles H. Wynne.                                                 | " "         | 18. |   | 2 00              |
| ' 31.  | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 19. |   | 143 00            |
| ' "    | " " " Bishop Meade's draft.                                             | " "         | 20. |   | 725 00            |
| eb. 4. | " " " Bishop Johns' draft.                                              | " "         | 21. |   | 725 00            |
|        |                                                                         |             |     |   | <u>\$5,520 01</u> |
| ay 12. | By balance brought down (due Treasurer)                                 | .           | .   | . | \$426 88          |

## APPENDIX NO. V.

### B.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTINGENT FUND,

*Received at Wheeling, May, 1853.*

| COUNTIES.           | PARISHES.                | CHURCHES.                    | AMOUNT. |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Albemarle .....     | Fredericksville .....    | .....                        | \$26 40 |
| Albemarle .....     | St. Anne's.....          | Walker's.....                | 28 00   |
| Amelia.....         | Raleigh and Genito ..... | .....                        | *48 00  |
| Augusta.....        | Augusta.....             | Trinity, Staunton.....       | 94 00   |
| Alexandria .....    | Fairfax.....             | Christ.....                  | 122 00  |
| Bedford .....       | Hamner.....              | St. Stephen's.....           | 45 00   |
| Berkeley.....       | Norborne .....           | Mt. Zion.....                | 28 00   |
| Berkeley.....       | Norborne .....           | Trinity, Martinsburg.....    | 44 00   |
| Berkeley.....       | Norborne .....           | Christ.....                  | 86 00   |
| Botetourt.....      | Botetourt.....           | Grace.....                   | 87 00   |
| Botetourt.....      | Botetourt.....           | Trinity .....                | 26 00   |
| Buckingham .....    | Tillotson .....          | St. Peter's.....             | *20 00  |
| Brunswick.....      | St. Andrew's.....        | St. Andrew's.....            | 38 00   |
| Campbell.....       | Lynchburg .....          | St. Paul's.....              | 161 00  |
| Caroline.....       | St. Margaret's.....      | St. Margaret's.....          | 81 00   |
| Caroline.....       | St. Mary's.....          | .....                        | 87 00   |
| Charles City .....  | Westover.....            | .....                        | 89 00   |
| Chesterfield .....  | Dale.....                | } Trinity.....               | *14 00  |
| Powhatan .....      | King William .....       |                              |         |
| Clarke.....         | Frederick.....           | Christ.....                  | 60 00   |
| Clarke.....         | Wickliffe .....          | Wickliffe .....              | 97 00   |
| Cumberland.....     | Lyttleton .....          | Grace .....                  | *20 00  |
| Dinwiddie .....     | Bath .....               | Sapony .....                 | 8 00    |
| Elizabeth City..... | Elizabeth City.....      | Hampton.....                 | 48 00   |
| Elizabeth City..... | Elizabeth City.....      | Centurion.....               | 22 00   |
| Essex.....          | South Farnham .....      | .....                        | 51 90   |
| Fairfax.....        | Truro.....               | Zion.....                    | 22 00   |
| Fauquier.....       | Hamilton .....           | St. James's, Warrenton ..... | 57 00   |
| Fluvanna.....       | Rivanna.....             | .....                        | 14 00   |
| Fauquier.....       | Leeds.....               | St. Paul's.....              | 9 00    |

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|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| r.....      | Meade.....                | .....                             | 27 00   |
| k.....      | Frederick.....            | Christ.....                       | 101 00  |
| er.....     | Abingdon and Ware .....   | .....                             | 50 00   |
| ille.....   | Meherrrin.....            | .....                             | 26 00   |
| .....       | Antrim.....               | St. John's.....                   | *68 00  |
| .....       | Roanoke.....              | .....                             | *18 00  |
| '.....      | St. Martin's.....         | Trinity.....                      | 86 00   |
| .....       | Henrico.....              | Monumental.....                   | *169 00 |
| .....       | Henrico.....              | St. Paul's.....                   | 228 00  |
| .....       | Henrico.....              | St. James's.....                  | 157 00  |
| .....       | Patrick.....              | Christ.....                       | 25 00   |
| .....       | Ravenswood .....          | .....                             | 11 00   |
| ity.....    | Bruton.....               | Williamsburg .....                | 98 60   |
| l.....      | St. Andrew's.....         | Zion.....                         | 101 00  |
| l.....      | St. Andrew's.....         | Trinity .....                     | 51 00   |
| l.....      | Kanawha .....             | St. John's and St. Luke's.....    | 58 00   |
| l.....      | Kanawha .....             | St. Mark's.....                   | 10 00   |
| orge.....   | St. Paul's.....           | St. Paul's.....                   | 34 00   |
| orge.....   | Hanover.....              | St. John's.....                   | 18 00   |
| r.....      | Christ Church .....       | .....                             | 81 00   |
| .....       | Shelburne .....           | St. James's.....                  | 78 00   |
| rg.....     | Cumberland.....           | St. John's and St. Paul's.....    | 41 00   |
| .....       | Trinity.....              | .....                             | 9 00    |
| s.....      | Kingston.....             | Christ.....                       | 7 00    |
| urg.....    | St. James's.....          | .....                             | 28 00   |
| burg .....  | St. Luke's.....           | .....                             | 28 00   |
| urg.....    | St. Luke's.....           | St. Timothy's.....                | 4 00    |
| x.....      | Christ Church.....        | .....                             | 8 00    |
| t.....      | St. Peter's.....          | St. Peter's.....                  | 20 00   |
| .....       | Elizabeth River ....      | Christ, Norfolk City.....         | 892 00  |
| .....       | Elizabeth River ....      | St. Paul's, Norfolk City.....     | 190 00  |
| .....       | Portsmouth .....          | St. John's.....                   | 45 00   |
| pton.....   | Hungar's.....             | Hungar's and Christ.....          | 57 00   |
| .....       | Wheeling.....             | St. Matthew's.....                | 80 00   |
| .....       | Wheeling.....             | St. John's.....                   | 63 00   |
| rg.....     | Bristol.....              | St. Paul's.....                   | 180 00  |
| rg.....     | Bristol.....              | Grace.....                        | 65 00   |
| l.....      | St. John's.....           | .....                             | 5 00    |
| illiam..... | Dettingen and Leeds ..... | .....                             | 56 00   |
| l.....      | St. James's.....          | St. Luke's.....                   | 81 00   |
| Anne.....   | Lynnhaven.....            | .....                             | 28 00   |
| orge.....   | City Point.....           | St. John's.....                   | 8 00    |
| orge.....   | Martin's, Brandon.. ..    | .....                             | 55 00   |
| am.....     | Rockingham .....          | .....                             | *10 00  |
| ania.....   | St. George's.....         | St. George's, Fredericksburg .... | 145 00  |
| nia.....    | Berkeley.....             | St. John's.....                   | 28 00   |
| .....       | Southwark.....            | Old Church.....                   | 20 00   |

| COUNTIES.          | PARISHES.           | CHURCHES.         | AMOUNT.           |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Wood .....         | Trinity Church..... | Parkersburg ..... | 31 00             |
| Westmoreland ..... | Cople .....         | Oak Grove.....    | 8 00              |
| Westmoreland ..... | Montross.....       | .....             | 7 00              |
|                    |                     |                   | <u>\$4,296 40</u> |

The \* annexed to sums, indicates payment to the Treasurer in Richmond.

## C.

## AMOUNT PAID FOR DELINQUENCIES AT CONVENTION OF 1853.

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Fairfax County, Falls Church.....  | \$5 00         |
| Jefferson County, Zion Church..... | 7 00           |
| Essex County, South Farnham .....  | 10 90          |
|                                    | <u>\$22 90</u> |

## D.

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES DELINQUENT FOR 1853.

| COUNTIES.        | PARISHES.             | CHURCHES.                       | AMOUNT.   |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Accomac.....     | St. James's.....      | St. James's and St. Paul's..... | Entirely. |
| Albemarle .....  | Fredericksville ..... | Buck Mountain .....             | \$13 60   |
| Albemarle .....  | Christ Church.....    | Charlottesville.....            | Entirely. |
| Albemarle .....  | St. Anne's.....       | Trinity No Garden.....          | Entirely. |
| Albemarle .....  | St. Anne's.....       | Christ.....                     | Entirely. |
| Amherst .....    | Lexington .....       | St. Luke's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Augusta.....     | Augusta.....          | Boyden Chapel.....              | \$1 00    |
| Alexandria ..... | Fairfax.....          | St. Paul's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Bedford .....    | Russell.....          | Trinity.....                    | Entirely. |
| Bedford .....    | West Russell.....     | St. Thomas's.....               | Entirely. |
| Bedford .....    | Heber.....            | St. John's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Berkeley.....    | Churches in.....      | .....                           | \$12 00   |
| Brooke.....      | St. John's.....       | St. John's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Brooke.....      | Christ Church.....    | Christ .....                    | Entirely. |
| Buckingham ..... | Tillotson .....       | St. Peter's.....                | \$4 00    |
| Charlotte .....  | Cornwall .....        | Roanoke .....                   | Entirely. |
| Culpepper.....   | St. Mark's.....       | St. James's.....                | Entirely. |
| Fairfax.....     | Truro.....            | Zion.....                       | Entirely. |
| Fairfax.....     | Truro.....            | St. John's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Fauquier .....   | Cedar Run.....        | St. Stephen's .....             | Entirely. |
| Fauquier .....   | Leeds.....            | St. Paul's.....                 | \$21 00   |
| Fauquier .....   | Piedmont.....         | Trinity, Salem.....             | Entirely. |
| Fluvanna .....   | Rivanna.....          | St. John's.....                 | Entirely. |
| Franklin .....   | Franklin .....        | Court House.....                | \$2 00    |

| RES.      | PARISHES.            | CHURCHES.                  | AMOUNT.   |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| .....     | Frederick.....       | St. Thomas's.....          | Entirely. |
| .....     | St. James's, Northam | St. Paul's.....            | Entirely. |
| .....     | St. James's, Northam | Beaver Dam.....            | Entirely. |
| .....     | Hampshire .....      | Frankfort and Zion.....    | Entirely. |
| .....     | Clarksburg .....     | Bethel .....               | Entirely. |
| .....     | Henrico .....        | St. John's.....            | Entirely. |
| .....     | Henrico .....        | Christ and Armory.....     | Entirely. |
| .....     | Patrick.....         | Christ.....                | \$2 00    |
| .....     | St. John's .....     | Harper's Ferry.....        | Entirely. |
| ght.....  | Newport.....         | Christ.....                | Entirely. |
| am.....   | St. David's .....    | .....                      | Entirely. |
| .....     | Trinity & St. John's | .....                      | Entirely. |
| L.....    | Suffolk .....        | St. Paul's.....            | Entirely. |
| .....     | Nelson.....          | Trinity and Callaway ..... | Entirely. |
| .....     | Wheeling .....       | St. Matthew's.....         | \$23 00   |
| ock ..... | Bloomfield.....      | Bloomfield.....            | Entirely. |
| .....     | Lunenburg & Farn-    | .....                      | Entirely. |
| .....     | ham.....             | .....                      | Entirely. |
| .....     | Salem.....           | .....                      | Entirely. |
| .....     | Latimer .....        | Grace, Lexington .....     | Entirely. |
| .....     | Rockingham .....     | .....                      | \$2 00    |
| .....     | Lower Surry.....     | .....                      | \$5 00    |
| .....     | Albemarle .....      | Immanuel.....              | Entirely. |
| n.....    | St. Thomas's.....    | Abingdon .....             | Entirely. |
| .....     | Wytheville.....      | .....                      | Entirely. |

he above list is printed as it came from the committee. Doubtless, before  
 al is printed, some of the Churches reported as delinquent will have  
 quotas to the Treasurer.

Secretary.

## A LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

*With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in the order of the Counties.*

| COUNTIES.        | PARISHES.             | CHURCHES.                          | MINISTERS.             |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Accomac.....     | St. James's.....      | St. James's.....                   | (Vacant.)              |
| Accomac.....     | St. George's .....    | St. George's .....                 | J. Ambler Weed.        |
| Accomac.....     | St. George's .....    | St. Michael's .....                | J. Ambler Weed.        |
| Albemarle.....   | Fredericksville ..... | Buck Mountain.....                 | S. R. Slack.           |
| Albemarle.....   | Fredericksville ..... | St. Paul's.....                    | S. R. Slack.           |
| Albemarle.....   | Fredericksville ..... | Christ, Charlottes-<br>ville ..... | R. K. Meade.           |
| Albemarle.....   | St. Anne's.....       | Trinity No Garden.                 | (Vacant.)              |
| Albemarle.....   | St. Anne's.....       | Christ.....                        | (Vacant.)              |
| Albemarle.....   | Walker's.....         | Walker's.....                      | E. Boyden.             |
| Amelia.....      | Raleigh.....          | Grubb Hill.....                    | P. F. Berkeley.        |
| Amherst.....     | Lexington .....       | St. Luke's, N. Glas-<br>gow .....  | J. F. Martin.          |
| Amherst.....     | Lexington .....       | Ascension, Amh'tch.                | J. F. Martin.          |
| Augusta.....     | Augusta.....          | Trinity, Staunton...               | T. T. Castleman.       |
| Augusta.....     | Augusta.....          | Boyden Chapel.....                 | J. C. Wheat.           |
| Alexandria ..... | Fairfax.....          | Christ, Alexandria.                | C. B. Dana.            |
| Alexandria ..... | Fairfax.....          | St. Paul's, Alexan-<br>dria.....   | J. F. Johnson.         |
| Bedford .....    | Russell.....          | Trinity.....                       | (Vacant.)              |
| Bedford .....    | West Russell.....     | St. Thomas's.....                  | (Vacant.)              |
| Bedford .....    | Heber .....           | St. John's, Liberty.               | J. A. Wharton, offic'g |
| Bedford .....    | Hanmer.....           | St. Stephen's.....                 | R. H. Wilmer.          |
| Berkeley.....    | Norborne.....         | Mt. Zion, Hedges-<br>ville .....   | D. F. Sprigg.          |
| Berkeley.....    | Norborne.....         | Trinity, Martinsburg               | D. F. Sprigg.          |
| Berkeley.....    | Norborne.....         | Calvary .....                      | D. F. Sprigg.          |
| Berkeley.....    | Norborne.....         | Christ.....                        | C. M. Callaway.        |
| Botetourt.....   | Botetourt.....        | Grace.....                         | F. M. Baker.           |
| Botetourt.....   | Woodville.....        | Trinity, Buchanan..                | F. M. Baker.           |
| Brooke .....     | Christ Church.....    | Christ.....                        | S. D. Tompkins.        |
| Brooke .....     | St. John's .....      | St. John's .....                   | S. D. Tompkins.        |
| Brunswick.....   | St. Andrew's.....     | St. Andrew's.....                  | (Vacant.)              |
| Buckingham ..... | Tillotson.....        | St. Peter's.....                   | W. C. Meredith.        |
| Campbell.....    | Moore.....            | St. John's .....                   | W. H. Kinckle, offic'g |
| Campbell.....    | Lynchburg .....       | St. Paul's, Lynch-<br>burg .....   | W. H. Kinckle.         |
| Caroline.....    | St. Margaret's.....   | St. Margaret's .....               | D. M. Wharton.         |
| Caroline.....    | St. Mary's.....       | St. Peter's, Port<br>Royal.....    | Wm. Friend.            |
| Caroline.....    | St. Mary's.....       | Grace.....                         | Henry Wall             |

| COUNTIES.       | PARISHES.            | CHURCHES.            | MINISTERS.        |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| ries City ..... | Westover .....       | .....                | W. T. Leavell.    |
| riotte .....    | Cornwall....         | Roanoke .....        | (Vacant.)         |
| sterfield.....  | Dale .....           | Trinity .....        | A. B. Tizzard.    |
| ke.....         | Frederick.....       | Christ, Millwood...  | J. F. Hoff.       |
| ke.....         | Wickliffe.....       | Grace, Berryville... | F. M. Whittle.    |
| ke.....         | Wickliffe.....       | Wickliffe.....       | F. M. Whittle.    |
| pepper .....    | St. Mark's.....      | St. Stephen's.....   | John Cole.        |
| pepper .....    | St. Mark's.....      | St. James's.....     | John Cole.        |
| pepper .....    | St. Mark's.....      | St. Paul's.....      | John Cole.        |
| berland.....    | Lyttleton .....      | Grace.....           | O. Bulkley.       |
| berland.....    | Lyttleton .....      | St. James's.....     | O. Bulkley.       |
| berland.....    | Lyttleton .....      | St. Paul's.....      | O. Bulkley.       |
| widdie .....    | Bath .....           | Sapony .....         | (Vacant.)         |
| widdie .....    | Bath .....           | Calvary .....        | (Vacant.)         |
| abeth City..... | Elizabeth City.....  | St. John's, Hampton  | J. C. McCabe.     |
| abeth City..... | Old Point.....       | Centurion, Old Point | M. L. Chivers.    |
| ex .....        | St. Anne's.....      | .....                | E. B. McGuire.    |
| ex .....        | South Farnham....    | St. Paul's.....      | H. W. L. Temple.  |
| rfax.....       | Truro.....           | Zion.....            | (Vacant.)         |
| rfax.....       | Truro.....           | St. John's .....     | (Vacant.)         |
| rfax.....       | Fairfax.....         | Falls .....          | (Vacant.)         |
| aquier.....     | Hamilton .....       | St. James's, War-    |                   |
|                 |                      | renton.....          | G. H. Norton.     |
| aquier.....     | Cedar Run.....       | St. Stephen's.....   | G. H. Norton.     |
| aquier.....     | Leeds.....           | St. Paul's.....      | W. H. Pendleton.  |
| aquier.....     | Meade.....           | Trinity .....        | O. A. Kinsolving. |
| aquier.....     | Piedmont.....        | Trinity, Salem ..... | C. H. Shield.     |
| avanna .....    | Rivanna.....         | St. John's .....     | (Vacant.)         |
| anklin .....    | Franklin .....       | At Court House....   | A. Wade.          |
| ederick.....    | Frederick.....       | Christ, Winchester.  | C. Walker.        |
| ederick.....    | Frederick.....       | St. Thomas's, Mid-   |                   |
|                 |                      | dletown .....        | (Vacant.)         |
| oucester.....   | Abingdon.....        | Abingdon .....       | Charles Mann.     |
| oucester.....   | Ware.....            | Ware .....           | Charles Mann.     |
| ochland.....    | St. James's, Northam | St. Paul's.....      | (Vacant.)         |
| ochland.....    | St. James's, Northam | Beaverdam .....      | (Vacant.)         |
| onsville .....  | Meherrin .....       | Grace.....           | P. G. Robert.     |
| onsville .....  | Meherrin .....       | Christ .....         | P. G. Robert.     |
| ifax.....       | Antrim .....         | St. John's .....     | John Grammer.     |
| ifax.....       | Roanoke .....        | Brick .....          | J. T. Clarke.     |
| ifax.....       | Roanoke .....        | Catawba .....        | J. T. Clarke.     |
| lover .....     | St. Martin's.....    | Fork .....           | W. V. Bowers.     |
| lover .....     | St. Paul's.....      | St. Paul's.....      | W. Norwood, D. D. |
| upshire .....   | Hampshire.....       | St. Paul's.....      |                   |
|                 |                      | Frankfort.....       | (Vacant.)         |
|                 |                      | Zion.....            |                   |
| rison.....      | Clarksburg.....      | Bethel .....         | R. A. Castleman.  |



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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Henrico .....      | Henrico .....       | St. John's .....                | H. S. Keppler.     |
| Henrico .....      | Richmond City.....  | Monumental .....                | George Woodbridgt. |
| Henrico .....      | Richmond City.....  | St. Paul's.....                 | Alex. Jones, D. D. |
| Henrico .....      | Richmond City.....  | St. James's.....                | (Vacant.)          |
| Henrico .....      | Richmond City.....  | Christ.....                     | (Vacant.)          |
| Henrico .....      | Richmond City.....  | Armory .....                    | (Vacant.)          |
| Henry .....        | Patrick.....        | Christ.....                     | A. Wade.           |
| Isle of Wight..... | Newport.....        | Christ, Smithfield...           | (Vacant.)          |
| Isle of Wight..... | Newport.....        | Old Church .....                | (Vacant.)          |
| James City.....    | Bruton .....        | —, Williamsburg                 | H. M. Dennison.    |
| Jefferson.....     | St. Andrew's.....   | Zion, Charlestown..             | C. E. Ambler.      |
| Jefferson.....     | St. Andrew's.....   | Trinity, Shepherdstown.....     | C. W. Andrews.     |
| Jefferson.....     | St. Andrew's.....   | St. John's, Harper's Ferry..... | J. H. Kehler.      |
| Jefferson.....     | St. Andrew's.....   | St. Bartholomew's, Leetown..... | C. M. Callaway.    |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....       | St. John's, Charleston .....    | R. T. Brown.       |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....       | St. Luke's, Salines.            | R. T. Brown.       |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....       | St. Mark's, Coal-sm'th .....    | (Vacant.)          |
| King George.....   | St. Paul's.....     | St. Paul's .....                | Russell.           |
| King George.....   | Hanover.....        | St. John's .....                | William. Friend.   |
| King William ..... | St. David's .....   | St. David's.....                | (Vacant.)          |
| Lancaster.....     | Christ Church ..... | Christ.....                     | E. Withers.        |
| Lancaster.....     | Christ Church ..... | White Chapel.....               | E. Withers.        |
| Lewis.....         | .....               | St. Paul's, Weston.             | J. J. Page.        |
| Loudon.....        | Shelburne .....     | St. James's.....                | George Adie.       |
| Loudon.....        | Meade.....          | Emanuel.....                    | O. A. Kinsolving — |
| Louisa.....        | Green Spring.....   | St. John's.....                 | E. Boyden.         |
| Louisa.....        | Trinity .....       | Trinity.....                    | John Cooke.        |
| Lunenburg .....    | Cumberland.....     | St. John's .....                | Thomas E. Lock.    |
| Lunenburg .....    | Cumberland.....     | St. Paul's.....                 | Thomas E. Lock.    |
| Madison.....       | Bloomfield.....     | Piedmont.....                   | Joseph Earnest.    |
| Madison.....       | Bloomfield.....     | Trinity.....                    | Joseph Earnest.    |
| Marshall.....      | Trinity .....       | .....                           | William L. Hyland  |
| Mason.....         | .....               | Bruce Chapel.....               | (Vacant.)          |
| Mason.....         | .....               | Point Pleasant .....            | (Vacant.)          |
| Matthews.....      | Kingston.....       | Christ.....                     | G. S. Carraway.    |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. James's.....    | Old Church.....                 | J. W. Chesley.     |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. James's.....    | St. James's.....                | J. W. Chesley.     |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. James's.....    | St. Andrew's.....               | J. W. Chesley.     |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. Luke's.....     | St. Luke's.....                 | J. W. Chesley.     |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. Luke's.....     | Clarksville.....                | T. E. Locke.       |
| Middlesex .....    | Christ Church ..... | Christ.....                     | G. S. Carraway.    |
| Nansemond.....     | Suffolk .....       | St. Paul's.....                 | A. S. Smith.       |

| COUNTIES.       | PARISHES.            | CHURCHES.                              | MINISTERS.           |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| semond.....     | Chuckatuck.....      | St. John's.....                        |                      |
| on.....         | Nelson.....          | Trinity.....                           | F. D. Godwin.        |
| on.....         | Nelson.....          | Callaway.....                          | F. D. Godwin.        |
| on.....         | Nelson.....          | Rockfish.....                          | (Vacant.)            |
| on.....         | Nelson.....          | St. Paul's, N. Market                  | F. D. Godwin.        |
| on.....         | Nelson.....          | Grace.....                             |                      |
| Kent.....       | St. Peter's.....     | St. Peter's.....                       | W. Norwood, D. D.    |
| olk.....        | Elizabeth River..... | Christ, Norfolk City                   | G. D. Cummins.       |
| olk.....        | Elizabeth River..... | St. Paul's.....                        | Wm. M. Jackson.      |
| olk.....        | Portsmouth.....      | Trinity, Portsmouth                    | J. H. Wingfield.     |
| olk.....        | Portsmouth.....      | St. John's, Ports-<br>mouth.....       | James Chisholm.      |
| hampton.....    | Hungar's.....        | Hungar's.....                          | J. Rawson, D. D.     |
| hampton.....    | Hungar's.....        | Christ.....                            | J. Rawson, D. D.     |
| , Wheeling..... |                      | St. Matthew's.....                     | Wm. Armstrong.       |
| .....           | St. John's.....      | St. John's.....                        | J. D. McCabe, D. D.  |
| ge.....         | St. Thomas's.....    | St. Thomas's.....                      | Joseph Earnest.      |
| rsburg.....     | Bristol.....         | St. Paul's.....                        | H. Stringfellow.     |
| rsburg.....     | Bristol.....         | Grace.....                             | C. J. Gibson.        |
| ylvania.....    | Camden.....          | Epiphany.....                          | G. W. Dame.          |
| ylvania.....    | Camden.....          | Emanuel.....                           | G. W. Dame.          |
| atan.....       | Genito.....          | Grace.....                             | P. F. Berkeley.      |
| atan.....       | St. James's, Southam | St. Luke's.....                        | Andrew Fisher.       |
| atan.....       | St. James's, Southam | Immanuel.....                          | Andrew Fisher.       |
| atan.....       | King William.....    |                                        | A. B. Tizzard.       |
| ess Ann.....    | Lynnhaven.....       | Chapel.....                            | Lewis Walke.         |
| ess Ann.....    | Lynnhaven.....       | Emanuel.....                           | Lewis Walke.         |
| se George.....  | City Point.....      | St. John's.....                        | (Vacant.)            |
| se George.....  | Martin's Brandon..   | Merchant's Hope..                      | C. Minnigerode.      |
| se George.....  | Martin's Brandon..   | Old Brandon.....                       | C. Minnigerode.      |
| se William..... | Dettingen.....       | St. James's.....                       | John Towles.         |
| se William..... | Leeds.....           | St. Paul's.....                        | John Towles.         |
| am.....         | St. Paul's.....      | Winfield.....                          | (Vacant.)            |
| am.....         | St. Paul's.....      | St. John's.....                        | (Vacant.)            |
| am.....         | St. Paul's.....      | Teaye's Valley.....                    | (Vacant.)            |
| ahannock.....   | Bloomfield.....      |                                        | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| mond.....       | Lunenburg.....       |                                        | } (Vacant.)          |
| mond.....       | Farnham.....         |                                        |                      |
| oke.....        | Salem.....           |                                        | G. T. Wilmer.        |
| bridge.....     | Latimer.....         | Grace, Lexington..                     | L. P. Clover.        |
| ingham.....     | Rockingham.....      | P. Republic.....                       | J. C. Wheat.         |
| sylvania.....   | St. George's.....    | St. George's, Frede-<br>ricksburg..... | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| sylvania.....   | Berkeley.....        | Christ.....                            | D. M. Wharton.       |
| sylvania.....   | Berkeley.....        | St. John's.....                        | D. M. Wharton.       |
| y.....          | Southwark.....       | Lower Surry.....                       | J. C. McCabe.        |
| ex.....         | Albemarle.....       | Immanuel.....                          | (Vacant.)            |

| COUNTIES.          | PARISHES.          | CHURCHES.                        | MINISTERS.     |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Washington .....   | Holston .....      | St. Thomas's, Abing-<br>don..... | (Vacant.)      |
| Westmoreland ..... | Washington .....   | St. Peter's.....                 | Wm. McGuire.   |
| Westmoreland ..... | Cople .....        | Oak Grove.....                   | E. B. McGuire. |
| Westmoreland ..... | Montross .....     | St. James's.....                 | Wm. McGuire.   |
| Wood .....         | Trinity .....      | Parkersburg .....                | E. T. Perkins. |
| Wythe .....        | Wytheville.....    | .....                            | (Vacant.)      |
| Wetzel .....       | Wetzel.....        | St. Paul's.....                  | J. D. McCabe.  |
| York.....          | York-Hampton ..... | Grace.....                       | (Vacant.)      |

AN ACT  
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

*New Code of Virginia, Chap. 77, page 362.*

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§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The Circuit Court of the county or corporation wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise, or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their name, in behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty

shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant to such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

NOTE.—On the 3d of February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship,” which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which took effect on the 1st July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be devised for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be conveyed by deed in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalized a devise, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial place, or parsonage.

The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rite of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy:—

*New Code, Chapter 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.*

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnized, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnize their marriages by the consent of the parties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnized, within three months thereafter; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose, with a proper index thereto; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person celebrating a marriage or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.

*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the  
Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

"I GIVE to A. B. and C. D., the survivor of them, or \_\_\_\_\_ executors or administrators of such survivor (should such survivor die before this will takes effect), \_\_\_\_\_ for the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, to be paid to the Treasurer of such institution, and the receipt of said A. B. and C. D., the survivor, or executors or administrators of such survivor, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor. And this legacy is to be paid by my executors, as above directed, whether the person to whom the payment as above directed is to be made shall be under any legal obligation to apply it as above described or not; it being my intention, that no kindred or other legatees of mine shall take or be entitled to, directly or indirectly, any interest or trust in the said legacy, and the same shall at all events be paid as directed, so that, if the person who may receive it shall not voluntarily apply it to the use of the said Theological Seminary, and cannot in law be compelled so to apply it, he shall take to his own use the benefit of said legacy."

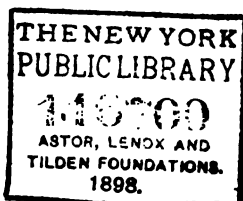


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OF THE  
Protestant Episcopal Church  
IN  
VIRGINIA,  
HELD IN  
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LYNCHBURG,  
ON THE  
17TH, 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH OF MAY, 1854.

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RICHMOND:  
C. H. WYNNE, PRINTER,  
1854.





FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rector.

|                                                          | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Baptisms.—White adults, —; white infants, —; }           | _____ |
| “ Colored adults, —; colored infants, —; }               | _____ |
| Communicants.—Added, white, —; colored, —;.....          | _____ |
| “ Removed, —; withdrawn, —;                              | _____ |
| “ suspended, —;.....                                     | _____ |
| “ Present number—white, —; colored, —; .....             | _____ |
| Confirmed.—White, —; colored, —;.....                    | _____ |
| Marriages.—White, —; colored, —;.....                    | _____ |
| Funerals.—White, —; colored, —;.....                     | _____ |
| Sunday-Schools, —; Teachers, —; Scholars, —;             | _____ |
| Families, —;.....                                        | _____ |
| Amount of contributions to the cause of Religion and the | _____ |
| Church, —;.....                                          | _____ |
| Post Office, _____                                       |       |
| Remarks—                                                 |       |

[Number of white communicants to be handed to the Chairman  
the Finance Committee.]

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish (or Church) in \_\_\_\_\_ county, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ who is a communicant in said parish or church, was appointed a lay delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Rector.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Register,  
or Church Warden.

# DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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 WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, EDWARD T. TAYLOR, Esq.

## PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

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| LEXINGTON—      | <i>Third Wednesday in May,</i> | 1855. |
| FREDERICKSBURG  | "                              | 1856. |
| PETERSBURG      | "                              | 1857. |
| WINCHESTER      | "                              | 1858. |
| NORFOLK         | "                              | 1859. |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE | "                              | 1860. |
| ALEXANDRIA      | "                              | 1861. |
| STAUNTON        | "                              | 1862. |
| RICHMOND        | "                              | 1863. |
| WHEELING        | "                              | 1864. |
| LYNCHBURG       | "                              | 1865. |

LIST OF THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

MAY 17, 1854.

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- Rev. WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., Bishop, Millwood Post-Office, Clarke County.
- Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D., Assistant Bishop, residing near Alexandria, P. O. Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, D. D., Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
- Rev. GEORGE ADIE, Shelburne Parish, Leesburg, Loudoun County.
- Rev. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson Co.
- Rev. THOS. AMBLER, Dinwiddie Court House.
- Rev. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.
- Rev. FRANCIS M. BAKER, Bottetourt Parish, Bottetourt County.
- Rev. P. F. BERKLEY, Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia Court House.
- Rev. WM. V. BOWERS, St. Martin's Parish, Verdon, Hanover County.
- Rev. O. BULKLEY, Lyttleton Parish, Langhorne's, Cumberland County.
- Rev. E. BOYDEN, Walker's Parish, Albemarle Co.; P. O. Cobham's Depot.
- Rev. R. T. BROWN, Agent of the American Sunday School Union. P. Office, Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Trinity Church, Staunton.
- Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Clarksburg.
- Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Boydton, Mecklenburg.
- Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, St. James' Church, Richmond.
- Rev. M. L. CHEVERS, Chaplain in the United States Army, and Rector of Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
- Rev. JOHN M. CHEVERS, Painesville, Amelia County.
- Rev. JOHN T. CLARKE, Roanoke Parish; P. O. Midland, Charlotte Co.
- Rev. JOHN COLE, St. Stephen's Church, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. JOHN COOKE, Aetna, Hanover County.
- Rev. WM. H. COFFIN, Wellsburg, Brooke County.
- Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Old Church, Hanover County.

- Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst C. **H.**  
 Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex;  
 Post Office, Urbanna.  
 Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Grace Church, Middleway, St. Bartholomew's  
 Church, Jefferson, and Christ Church, Berkeley; Post Office,  
 Middleway, Jefferson.  
 Rev. G. H. DAME, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville.  
 Rev. C. B. DANA, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.  
 Rev. JAMES DOUGHEN, Lynchburg.  
 Rev. E. A. DALRYMPLE.  
 Rev. JOS. EARNEST, St. Thomas' Church, Orange Court House.  
 Rev. A. EMPIE, D. D., residing near Richmond.  
 Rev. WM. FRIEND, St. Peter's and Grace Churches, Port Royal, Caro-  
 line County.  
 Rev. ANDREW FISHER, St. James', Southam, Sublett's Tavern, Pow-  
 hatan County.  
 Rev. T. D. GOODWIN, Nelson Parish, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson Co.  
 Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Antrim Parish, Halifax Court House.  
 Rev. C. J. GIBSON, Grace Church, Petersburg.  
 Rev. JOHN H. HILL, Missionary, Athens, Greece.  
 Rev. J. F. HOFF, Frederick Parish, Millwood, Clarke County.  
 Rev. WM. D. HANSON, Chaplain at the University of Virginia.  
 Rev. WM. L. HYLAND, Trinity Parish, Marshall County; Post Office,  
 Grave Creek.  
 Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.  
 Rev. JAS. T. JOHNSTON, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.  
 Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, D. D.  
 Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.  
 Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Meade Parish, Middleburg, Loudoun County.  
 Rev. H. S. KEPLER, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.  
 Rev. JOHN H. KEHLER, Shepherdstown.  
 Rev. THO. E. LOCKE, Cumberland Parish, McFarland's Store, Lunen-  
 burg County.  
 Rev. W. T. LEAVELL, Rappahannock County.  
 Rev. H. T. LEE, Abingdon.  
 Rev. E. R. LIPPITT, Alexandria.  
 Rev. W. J. LYND, Assistant Minister, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.  
 Rev. CHARLES MANN, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester C. **H.**  
 Rev. JAS. MAY, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary, Fairfax Co-  
 Rev. R. K. MEADE, Christ Church, Charlottesville.  
 Rev. CHARLES MINNEGERODE, Christ Church, Norfolk.  
 Rev. J. F. MARTIN, Ascension Church, Amherst Court House.

- AMES D. McCABE, D. D., St. John's Church, Wheeling.  
 JOHN C. McCABE, St. John's Church, Hampton.  
 . C. McGUIRE, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.  
 . P. McGUIRE, Rector of the High School, Howard, Fairfax Co.  
 . H. McGUIRE, Mecklenburg County.  
 . B. McGUIRE, St. Anne's, Essex County; Post Office, Loretto, Essex County.  
 /M. C. McGUIRE, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County; Post Office, Berryville.  
 /C. C. MEREDITH, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham Co.  
 /ILLIAM MEADE NELSON, Carter's Bridge, Albemarle County.  
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 . A. OKESON, Westover Parish, Charles City Court House.  
 OSEPH PACKARD, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary, Fairfax County, Virginia.  
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 /M. N. PENDLETON, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Lexington.  
 . H. PHILLIPS, Principal of the Va. Female Institute, Staunton.  
 . T. PERKINS, Assistant Minister, St. Matthew's Ch., Wheeling.  
 AS. A. PAGE, Weston, Lewis County.  
 . A. RUSSELL, St. Paul's Parish, King George County.  
 AMES RAWSON, D. D., Hungar's Parish, Northampton County.  
 . G. ROBERT, Meherrin Parish; P. O. Hicksford, Greenville Co.  
 HILIP SLAUGHTER, Agent of the Colonization Society of Virginia, Fredericksburg.  
 ELSON SALE, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford County.  
 /ORACE STRINGFELLOW, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.  
 . FRANCIS SPRIGG, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.  
 EO. A. SMITH, Editor of *The Southern Churchman*, Alexandria.  
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 /M. SPARROW, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary, Fairfax County, Virginia.  
 ILAS D. TOTTEN, D. D., Professor in William and Mary College, Williamsburg.  
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 JOHN TOWLES, Dettingen and Leeds Parish, Millford Mills, Prince William County.

- Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Dale Parish, Chesterfield, King William Parish,  
Powhatan; Post Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield County.
- Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Wellsburg, Brooke County.
- Rev. WM. N. WARD, Lunenburg, Farnham and Cople Parishes, Rich-  
mond County; Post Office, Lyell's Store.
- Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's  
Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
- Rev. JOHN A. WHARTON, Liberty Post Office, Bedford County.
- Rev. JOHN H. WINGFIELD, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Rev. J. W. WOODVILLE, Germania, Culpepper Court House.
- Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County;  
Post Office, Forrest Depot.
- Rev. G. T. WILMER, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.
- Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.
- Rev. LEWIS WALKE, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, Norfolk Co.;  
Post Office, Norfolk.
- Rev. CORNELIUS WALKER, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
- Rev. J. AMBLER WEED, Richmond.
- Rev. F. M. WHITTLE, Grace Church, Berryville.
- Rev. ANDERSON WADE, M. D., Patrick Parish; Post Office, Martinsville,  
Henry County.
- Rev. J. A. WHEAT, Vice-Principal Virginia Female Institute, and  
Rector of Rockingham Parish.
- Rev. HENRY WALL, Grace Church, Caroline County.

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE UPON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE PARISHES  
REPRESENTED BY THEM.

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- Philip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.  
S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's, Lynchburg.  
R. H. Cunningham, St. James', Culpepper County.  
Col. Francis H. Smith, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge  
County.  
Alfred L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.  
Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.  
Samuel Stillman, St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna.  
Walter Williams, Christ Church, Norfolk.  
John J. Ambler, St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.  
Isaac Hoge, Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall County.  
H. W. Latane, Jr., St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, So. Farnham  
Parish, Essex County.  
Dr. M. Miller, }  
Jno. R. Bryan, } Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.  
Col. Thos. H. Ellis, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.  
Edw'd. Scott, Jr., Mannikintown Church, King William Parish,  
Powhatan County.  
Dr. Henry L. Davies, Lexington Parish, Amherst County.  
H. P. Lefebvre, St. James' Church, Richmond.  
Henry Gantt, Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County.  
Chas. H. Page, Sr., Walker's Parish, Albemarle County.  
James M. Harris, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan.  
Harrison H. Cocke, Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George.  
Dr. T. T. Withers, St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.  
Benj. Wigginton, Trinity Church, Bedford County.  
G. S. Conway, Bloomfield Parish, Madison County.  
Col. John Crenshaw, Heber Parish, Bedford County.  
J. W. Claxton, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County.  
Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County.  
Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County.



- Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Roanoke Parish, Halifax County.  
 Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Church, King George.  
 Dr. Charles Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.  
 Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg.  
 Dr. Joseph Hobson, St. James', Southam Parish, Powhatan County.  
 David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.  
 Maj. Wm. Noland, Emmanuel Church, St. John's Parish, Loudoun.  
 Henry Carrington, Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte.  
 George P. Tayloe, Salem Parish, Roanoke County.  
 J. B. Dabney, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County—  
 W. R. Galt, Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County.  
 Lewis A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, and Christ Church, Spottsylvania County.  
 Dr. Francis W. Pendleton, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.  
 Col. G. M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.  
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford.  
 Archie C. Page, Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland County.  
 John M. Hooper, St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham County.  
 Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.  
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.  
 Wm. F. Davis, Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.  
 Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Fredericksburg.  
 Chas. A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.  
 Dr. Tho. H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun.  
 Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.  
 Ed. T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George Co.  
 Nathaniel T. Green, Antrim Parish, Halifax.  
 Maj. Geo. Wilson, Epiphany Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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- c. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.
- d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue sitting, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
- e. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any paper to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully present himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.
- f. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately return to his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if called to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no objection, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.
- g. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.
- h. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once until every member desiring to speak shall have spoken.
- i. While the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the President.
- j. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.
- k. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be seated.
- l. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall dispense with him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and farther debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen, and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, stand above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention; and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators but also the members of the Convention will see that the order of the Convention is not violated.

There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed a Standing Committee, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following committees, to consist of an equal number of each

Committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred all matters of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans and Clergymen.

Committee on the Episcopal Fund.

Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary

Committee on Parochial Reports.

Committee on the admission of New Parishes.

Committee of Elections.

Committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two laymen, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to sit, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by yeas and nays.

None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the assent of two-thirds of the members present.

The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when there is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Letters; the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall read them in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Convention may think fit.



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OF THE

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., May 17, 1854.

The day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, having arrived, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M. in St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. Silas D. Totten, D. D., and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Horace Kingfellow, from the 16th chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, 15th and 16th verses: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese then made a few remarks, suggested by the sermon; after which, the Convention was called to order for business, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese being in the chair.

Notice was received from the Secretary of the Convention, stating his inability to be present; whereupon, A. L. Seabury, Jr. was elected Secretary *pro tem.*, who proceeded to call the roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention.

The following gentlemen answered to their names:

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| Rt. Rev. William Meade, D. D., | Rev. W. T. Leavell,     |
| Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.,    | " Chas. Minnigerode,    |
| Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.      | " T. F. Martin,         |
| " Chas. E. Ambler,             | " Jno. C. McCabe,       |
| " Wm. V. Bowers,               | " E. C. McGuire, D. D., |
| " O. Bulkley,                  | " Wm. McGuire,          |
| " Francis M. Baker,            | " W. C. Meredith,       |

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| Rev. M. L. Chevers,       | Rev. Nelson Sale,      |
| " Jno. M. Chevers,        | " Horace Stringfellow, |
| " John T. Clark,          | " Geo. A. Smith,       |
| " John Cole,              | " Wm. Sparrow, D. D.,  |
| " John Cooke,             | " John Towles,         |
| " G. S. Carraway,         | " D. M. Wharton,       |
| " G. W. Dame,             | " Geo. Woodbridge,     |
| " C. B. Dana,             | " Richard H. Wilmer,   |
| " Wm. Friend,             | " Edmund Withers,      |
| " Andrew Fisher,          | " Cornelius Walker,    |
| " T. D. Goodwin,          | " F. M. Whittle,       |
| " John Grammer,           | " N. A. Okeson,        |
| " C. J. Gibson,           | " W. M. Nelson,        |
| " J. F. Hoff,             | " W. J. Lynd,          |
| " Jas. T. Johnston,       | " H. T. Lee,           |
| " Alexander Jones, D. D., | " W. N. Pendleton,     |
| " W. H. Kinckle,          | " J. A. Russell,       |
| " O. A. Kinsolving,       | " S. R. Slack,         |
| " H. S. Kepler,           | " W. H. Coffin, M. D.  |
| " Thos. E. Locke,         |                        |

Rev. T. T. Castleman appeared after roll was called, and took his seat. Also Rev. Jos. Packard, D. D.

The Chair appointed Rev. W. N. Pendleton and Col. G. Carrington a Committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, who, after retiring, returned and reported the following gentlemen duly elected:

Phillip Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.  
 S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.  
 Richard H. Cunningham, St. James' Church, Culpepper County.  
 Col. Francis H. Smith, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge County.  
 Alfred L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.  
 Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.  
 H. P. Lefebvre, St. James' Church, Richmond.  
 Henry Gantt, Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle County.  
 Chas. H. Page, Sr., Walker's Parish, Albemarle County.  
 James M. Harris, Grace Church, Genito Parish, Powhatan,  
 Harrison M. Cocke, Martin's, Brandon Parish, Prince George.  
 Dr. T. T. Withers, St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier.  
 Benj. Wigginton, Trinity Church, Bedford County.  
 G. S. Conway, Bloomfield Parish, Madison County.

Col. John Crenshaw, Heber Parish, Bedford County.  
 J. W. Claxton, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County.  
 Col. Thos. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County.  
 Thurmur Hoggard, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County.  
 Dr. Patrick H. Foster, Roanoke Parish, Halifax County.  
 Drury B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Church, King George.  
 Dr. Chas. Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.  
 Edward Tarry, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg.  
 Dr. Joseph Hobson, St. James, Southam Parish, Powhatan County.  
 David Holmes Conrad, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.  
 Maj. Wm. Nowland, Emanuel Church, St. John's Parish, Loudoun.  
 Henry Carrington, Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte.  
 George P. Tayloe, Salem Parish, Roanoke County.  
 J. B. Dabney, St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County.  
 W. R. Galt, Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County.  
 Lewis A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkley Parish, and  
 Christ Church, Spottsylvania County.  
 Dr. Francis W. Pendleton, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.  
 Col. George M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish,  
 Richmond.  
 William Radford, St. Stephen's Church, Hanmer Parish, Bedford.  
 Archie C. Page, Grace Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland County.  
 John M. Hooper, St. Peter's Church, Tillotson's Parish, Buckingham  
 County.  
 Charles Friend, Grace Church, Petersburg.  
 John Rowlett, St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.  
 Wm. F. Davis, Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.  
 Wm. Pollock, St. George's Church, St. George's Parish, Fredericksb'g.  
 Chas. A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish, Portsmouth.  
 Dr. Tho. H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelbourne Parish, Loudoun.  
 Wm. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.  
 Ed. T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King George Co.  
 Nathaniel T. Green, Antrim Parish, Halifax.  
 Maj. George Wilson, Epiphany Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order for this.

The Chair appointed Col. Geo. M. Carrington Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow morning.



THURSDAY, May 18th, 9 A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, Bishop Meade in the chair, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. John Johns, the assistant Bishop.

The Secretary then read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The following clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention who were not present yesterday, appeared this morning :

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| Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D., | Rev. Wm. Armstrong, |
| " Jas. D. McCabe, D. D.,   | " Robt. Smith,      |
| " Jas. Chisholm,           | " Thos. M. Ambler,  |
| Rev. A. B. Tizzard.        |                     |

Bishop Meade read his report as follows :

#### BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN : Though absent from home my usual period of six months on Episcopal duties, during our last Conventional year, I have performed a less amount of service within the bounds of our own Diocese than I have had to report in times past. In consequence of ill health I did not commence my spring visitation until the latter part of May when I held confirmations in the two congregations of St. Paul's and Grace Churches, Petersburg, there being fifteen recipients of that rite in the former, and twenty in the latter. I thence proceeded on my usual route, and confirmed ten persons at Hicksford, Greensville county; at Grace Church; four at Sapony, in Dinwiddie county; and two at the Court House. At Lawrenceville, in Brunswick county, three were confirmed; at St. Andrew's, Lunenburg, two; at Boydton, in Mecklenburg, two, and admitted the Rev. Mr. Chesley to Priest's orders. In Halifax county, one was confirmed in the parish of the Rev. Mr. Clark, and eight in that of the Rev. Mr. Grammer; at Danville, Pittsylvania county, nine; in St. John's Church, Campbell county, three; Amherst county, twenty-four. At Lynchburg I admitted the Rev. Mr. Martin to Priest's orders.

My next duties were at the Seminary in July, where I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. Robt. Smith, Mr. Thomas Ambler, Mr. Wm. Wright, and the Rev. Mr. Russell, Mr. Wall, Dr. Stoney and Mr. Tuttle to the order of Priests. In the latter part of July, I held confirmation at the Church in Berryville, Clarke county, admitting ten persons to that rite, three of whom were servants.

the month of August, I admitted to Deacon's orders, Mr. William Nelson, in the Church at Millwood.

The months of September and October were nearly all spent in attending the General Convention and an Ecclesiastical Court.

In the month of November, I admitted the Rev. Robert Castleman to the order of Priest, in the Church at Berryville; and confirmed seven persons in the Church at Winchester.

In the month of February, I held another confirmation in the congregation at Berryville, eight being admitted to that rite. In the month, I admitted, in the Church at Winchester, to the order of Minister, the Rev. Dr. Coffin, of the Methodist Church.

In the month of April, I held a confirmation in Millwood, admitting twenty persons to the communion by that rite. I also held confirmations in the Churches of Upperville and Middlebury in that month, three persons admitted at each place. On the third of April, I set out on my pastoral visitation, which will extend to the 20th of July. On the 5th of April, I held a meeting of the Trustees of our Theological Seminary and School, held in Fredericksburg, for the purpose of considering the incorporation granted by last session of the Virginia Legislature. In the evening of that day, I confirmed eighteen persons in St. George's Church of that place. On the Monday before Easter, I held confirmations in the two churches in Norfolk, repeating the same in one of them (St. Andrew's Church) on Good Friday. Sixty-six persons were admitted to the communion in the two congregations, fifty of whom belonged to Christ Church, and sixteen to St. Paul's. A very interesting state of religious feeling existed in both of them. During that week, I visited the congregations in Princess Anne, Old Point, and Hampton, confirming eight persons in the latter place. On the following Sabbath, I confirmed six persons in the congregation under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Wingfield; and on Monday morning, at an early hour, five in that of Mr. Chisholm, in the Church of Portsmouth. My next visit was to the Eastern shore. I spent several days in visiting the five congregations in Accomac and Northampton, confirming eleven in the former and eight in the latter. On the 10th of June I visited the congregations in Matthews and Gloucester, confirming four in each. I spent one day at the church in old Yorktown, and one in Williamsburg, confirming two persons in the latter. I next visited the two congregations in Charles City, confirming two persons in each. On my way to this place, I spent the last Sabbath in Leesville, and administered the rite of confirmation to sixteen persons, eleven of whom were students of the University, in which institution there also exists a deep feeling on the all-important subject of

Having given this rapid narrative of Episcopal acts during my visitations, I proceed, according to the canon, to state such other official acts as have been performed during the past year.

Letters dismissory have been granted to the following persons: the Rev. George Rumney to the Diocese of Connecticut; Rev. Mr. Tuck to Maryland; Rev. Leonidas Smith to North Carolina; Rev. J. Mitcheson to New Jersey; Rev. Mr. Clover to New York.

I have also received letters dismissory in behalf of the Rev. Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Caldwell, from Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Lee, from Louisiana; the Rev. Mr. Lynd, from Mississippi; the Rev. Mr. Zimmer from Georgia; Rev. Mr. Okeson, from New York.

The following persons have been added to the list of candidates for orders, since the last Convention: W. H. Coffin, (since ordained,) John J. Wallace, Lewis Newman, Edward Hoof, Daniel Mallory, Stephen Pendleton.

A few reflections, under several heads, will now conclude my report.

1. The Episcopal and Parochial Reports will shew an increase of confirmations during the past over some preceding years; and when we know that our ministers do not encourage any to present themselves who have not a good hope that they are the children of God by a true faith in his son Jesus Christ, and are resolved to walk henceforth in newness of life, we rejoice in such additions to the communion as evidences of God's gracious favor to his Church.

2. In connection with this mention of our Seminary, it becomes me to state the fact that the Legislature of our State, at its last session granted an act of incorporation to the same, whereby we shall be enabled henceforth to secure all bequests to it, and protect our funds by the aid of our civil courts. We have recently heard of the liberal bequest of five thousand dollars, by Mr. Elliot Cresson of Philadelphia, and have received the tender of some valuable books from a friend residing in the same city. In this connection, I also make mention of the large accession to our library, during the past year, of nearly all the books of the late lamented Rev. James W. Cooke, of Rhode Island, so well known as the zealous secretary of our Foreign Missionary Board. I cannot so well present this subject to your notice as by reading the following letter from the Rev. Dr. Howe:

"NEW YORK, HOUSE OF CLER. AND LAY DEP'S., }  
October 14th, 1853. }

*"Rev. and Dear Sir: Before you receive this, there may have come to you eleven boxes of books, sent by me from Bristol, R. I., via Philadelphia, directed to the 'Theological Seminary of Virginia.' If the*

have not yet come to your possession, they are on the way, and are a bequest from the late lamented Rev. James W. Cooke, who, by will, bequeathed the whole of his library—excepting one hundred volumes selected by his widow for her own use—to your Institution. That selection she has made, and in these eleven boxes you have the remainder. You will find in them a valuable addition to the library of the Seminary. I rejoice in this accession to the facilities furnished at your excellent Institution for a sound theological education.

“It is the wish of Mrs. Cooke that, if it can be done consistently with the interests of the Seminary, the library bequeathed by her husband shall be *kept together*, in an alcove or set of shelves by themselves, so as to be always distinguishable as the library of Mr. Cooke.

“And here permit me to suggest, that those personal friends of that dear saint of God, Bishop Griswold, (who are cognizant of the fact that his library was sent to Alexandria,) have felt sad disappointment on their visits to the Seminary, that they were not able to find the precious deposit. May I not ask, if it is not yet *possible* and *admissible* that the books of Bishop Griswold shall be gathered from their dispersion and placed again side by side, with *his venerable name* surmounting the shelves on which they rest?

“I am sure they would, if thus collected, become a magnet of attraction towards your Seminary of many hearts that in this generation love the memory of that holy man. And I think that future years will render any memento of his life and work more and more valuable and interesting.

“Pardon the freedom of my suggestions, and believe me the friend and well-wisher of the Seminary, and also, with great respect,

Your friend and brother,

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE.

The Rev. Prof. Packard, Virginia Theological Seminary.”

To this may be added one hundred volumes from the Rev. Henry Beare, of New York.

It becomes me here to state that the rooms in our Seminary hitherto appropriated to the library, are insufficient to enable us to comply with the reasonable request of the widow of our deceased benefactor, or with that respect which is due to the valued gift of the venerable Bishop Griswold, of whose dying remembrance we are so justly proud. A separate and larger edifice for our library is now greatly needed and must soon be had, unless we wish to say to living and dying friends that we will receive no more contributions to the same. It is hoped that this public notice of our deficiency will soon call forth the means of its supply.

3. I have now to mention a subject which is at the same time a cause for rejoicing and an occasion for exhortation. It is matter of rejoicing that the duty of providing permanent dwelling places for our ministers is to be more and more important throughout our Diocese. On no subject do I feel more sure of a favorable hearing, than when I address a congregation in behalf of this object. Within the last year a goodly number of comfortable parsonages have been added to those already existing, and I am truly surprised that any congregation, either in town or country, should be so blind to their truest interests as not to provide such a dwelling for their minister. Amongst those which I know to have been recently erected or purchased, I might mention those of Westmoreland and Richmond counties; of Millwood, Clarke county; Lexington, Rockbridge county; Lawrenceville, Brunswick county; Wicklife Parish, Williamburg; and one projected, and I hope soon to be executed, in Fredericksburg, as well as St. James' Church, Richmond. But I desire especially to direct your attention to one recently erected in the county of Northampton, on the Eastern shore of Virginia. This is to be ascribed almost entirely, as to the means of its erection, to Mr. John Eyre of that county, who gave three thousand dollars for the purpose. Out of gratitude for his valuable and most timely donation, the Vestry have caused his name to be inscribed on a tablet in its front, although the eyes of the liberal donor have become too dim with age to discern the same. Not less indebted is the congregation to the indefatigable assiduity and diligence of another member of the congregation (Dr. Smith of Eastville, for more than twenty years an effective lay-reader in the parish,) who has devoted almost the whole of his time and energies to the erection of the building and the improvement of the grounds, during the last twelve months. So much delighted was I with the plan of the house, drawn by himself, and so admirably suited to the comfort of the minister and his family, that I have procured a drawing of the same for the benefit of any individuals or congregations who may wish to emulate him and do likewise. The great cost of timber and other materials in this section, has greatly enhanced the expense.

4. On another subject, which furnishes materials both for congratulation and exhortation, I have also something to say. It has been matter of rejoicing to me, in going from parish to parish, to learn from the clergymen themselves that in a number of instances there has been an increased attention to their temporal wants, bearing some proportion to their increasing needs, causing their hearts to overflow with gratitude to God for giving them such favor with their people. I believe there is no Diocese in our land where the average support of the minister is larger or more punctually paid; and yet, in too many instances, the

small, compared with the means of the people and the reasonable of the clergy. There is at this time a solemn call made upon the to consider their duty in this respect towards the clergy. It is ours that the prices of many of the necessities of life have in some increased from twenty to one hundred per cent., and that there is probability of a speedy reduction. To a large portion of our fellow-men, this increase is but little felt, as they are both buyers and sellers; hereby an equality is produced, the high prices of what they sell enabling them to meet the prices of what they buy. But let it be remembered, that the clergy being debarred, and properly debarred, from lucrative pursuits of life, have every thing to buy and nothing to sell. If, therefore, there be not a liberal pecuniary compensation for services, bearing a due proportion to the cost of the necessities, or a generous supply of their wants in some other way, there will be either real suffering at home, dishonorable debt, an abandonment of the ministry, or its combination with some other occupation, too burdensome or incompatible with the sacred office. I trust the members of our church in Virginia will never permit either of these evils to befall her clergy. Should they do it, an increased difficulty in the supply of our parishes must be expected, and the number of our candidates for the ministry be diminished. But this we will not permit ourselves to anticipate.

And this leads to another topic of encouragement as well as exhortation. There are some signs for good in relation to our number of ministers for the ministry. The present year is marked by an evidence of these, and our Seminary not only evinces it now by its present number, but will shew it more fully, I am confident, in years to come. The prayer of faith has been heard. Amongst the increasing number of those on whom the hands of your Bishops have been laid the present year, there is an increasing number of those who trust that those hands may once more be laid on them in conveying the Holy Spirit. At the old Alma Mater of Virginia, and the younger and newer University, there are a goodly number who not only hope to be saved themselves, but desire to labor for the salvation of others. God will that the number may increase more and more.

I have only one other subject to present to you, and I wish I may say that there was cause of rejoicing as well as of exhortation in relation to this also; but honesty requires that I should only use the language of exhortation, and yet not without hope of success. It will be remembered that I have from time to time called the attention of the ministers and members of the Church in Virginia to the duty of increasing the circulation of our religious paper—The Southern Church-

man. Although the call has never been unheeded, but has always produced some increase of subscribers, still the increase has borne no proportion to the importance of the paper and the needs of its worthy Editor. I need not tell you that its Editor is a beloved and faithful minister of our Church, born in our midst, and who, as long as the ability was given him of the Lord, most laboriously devoted himself to the duties of this sacred office. When the power of proclaiming the Gospel from the pulpit failed, he gave himself up to promoting that same Gospel in some other way. For a number of years he has been exercising a most effectual ministry in our Diocese, and rendering great help to his brethren by the issue of a religious paper, in which all the members of Episcopal families, from the youngest to the oldest, are furnished each week with interesting facts and suitable exhortations. By general consent, it has been judiciously and piously conducted for the benefit of the laity. The clergy also have found it a valuable assistant in executing their ordination vow to "banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word," at a time when there was great need for it—a time which has not yet entirely passed away. In this manner most effectual service has been rendered to the cause of sound religion among us, which the clergy could not well have spared. For such service, both clergy and laity ought to feel bound to make a suitable return. The present profits of the paper are very inconsiderable, compared with the actual needs of our brother for himself and dependent family, and nothing but a sense of duty and desire to promote the interests of true religion could have constrained him thus long to labor so diligently for so slight a compensation. I trust we shall be able to adopt some method for his better compensation and the increased circulation of this excellent weekly tract, which is ever coming into our houses with something new and valuable. What if all the families of our Church, who are able and willing to take some religious paper, were already supplied with it, which is very far from being the case, might those who are able, and who approve its character, subscribe for additional numbers, and put them in circulation amongst those who have it not, or in some other way help to sustain the expense of it? If brethren of the clergy will, I am sure, be willing to make another and more vigorous effort in this or some other way to sustain a disabled brother in his labors for an honest livelihood by the employment of his time and talents in an occupation so well calculated to render them great service in their several charges.

Having thus noticed those topics which appear to me most important at the present time, I commend you to the guidance and blessing of our Great Head of the Church in the deliberations on which you are about to enter.

W. MEADE

Bishop Johns next read his report, as follows :

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

In reporting the services performed during the past year, it is proper to mention those at Wheeling during the Convention, and not included in the statement which I then submitted :

On Thursday, May 19th, at St. Matthew's Church, I admitted to priest's orders the Rev. James A. Page. 21st, in St. John's, I confirmed four persons, and the next day I confirmed, at his own residence, a sick person connected with the same church.

June 26th, at Williamsburg, I preached and confirmed.

July 12th—15th, I was occupied with the services at the Seminary and High School. July 15th, in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, I assisted in the ordination services, and admitted to Deacon's Orders the following persons : Messrs. T. M. Ambler, Jr., Ed. H. Kennedy, Robert Smith and Wm. Wright. 17th. In the morning, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, and confirmed twelve. In the afternoon, I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed thirteen. 19th, I preached in Grubb Hill, Amelia. 20th, I preached in Trinity, Chesterfield, and confirmed two. 21st, I preached in Grace Church, Genito, and confirmed one. 22d, I preached in Emanuel Church, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 23d, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 24th, I preached at Beaver Dam, Goochland. 25th, I preached at Columbia. 26th, in St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, then vacant, I baptized an infant. 30th, I preached in the church at Buck Mountain, and confirmed two. 31st, I preached in St. Paul's, Albemarle, and confirmed one. In the afternoon, I preached in Christ Church, Charlottesville, and confirmed one.

August 1st, I preached in St. John's, Louisa, and confirmed five. 2d, I preached in Walker's Church, Albemarle, and confirmed one. 3d, I preached in St. Thomas' Church, Orange, and confirmed nine. On the same occasion, I baptized the daughter of the Rector. My next appointment was at Madison C. H., but the heavy rain which fell the night before, so raised the water courses as to render them unfordable. I was, very much to my regret, prevented, a second time, from reaching that congregation. 7th, I preached in St. James', Culpepper. 8th, I preached in St. Paul's, Culpepper. 9th, I preached in St. Stephen's, Culpepper C. H. 11th, I consecrated St. James' Church, Warrenton. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; the service by the Rev. Mr. Cole; sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sparrow. The minister and people may be congratulated on their change from the incommodes and tottering house which they have left, to this new and appropriate edifice; in reference to which, the only apprehension is, that it



may not prove of sufficient dimensions to meet the demands of the increasing congregation. In this church I confirmed three. 12th, at night, I preached in Emanuel Church, Middleburg. 13th, I preached in the same church, and confirmed four. 14th, in St. James, Leesburg, I preached, in the morning, and confirmed five. At night, I preached again in the same church.

October 4th, I preached, morning and afternoon, in the churches at West River, Maryland, under the charge of the Rev. M. Morsell.

The months of September and October were so occupied in attending the Court which sat in Camden, and the General Convention in New York, that I found no opportunity for Diocesan services. During this period, however, I officiated as follows:

September 4th, I preached in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. 11th, I preached in Emanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware.

October 9th, I preached in St. Mark's Church, New York. 16th, I preached in St. George's, New York, and at the request of the Rector and of the Rev. Mr. Cole, one of the Committee of the Alumni Society of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, I presented its claims to the congregation. At night, I preached in the Church of the Ascension. 23d, I preached in the Church of the Holy Communion.

The uncertainty as to the adjournment of the General Convention, prevented the publication of any appointments for the Diocese until the season had become too far advanced for any extended visitation. Moreover, as I was prevented from being present when the session of the College commenced, and as it had now advanced several weeks, it was necessary for me to return immediately to the duties which there demanded my attention. As soon, however, as I could be released from these, I proceeded to meet certain appointments for myself, and a few others for Bishop Meade, which he was prevented from fulfilling.

November 11th, I preached at Painesville, Amelia County, one of the missionary stations, occupied by the Rev. J. Chevers. I was engaged to officiate there again on the next day. A heavy rain prevented the congregation from assembling, and also disappointed us in an arrangement for Grubb Hill Church on the day following. I the more regretted the loss of the second day's services at Painesville, as there were several candidates for confirmation—the first fruits of Mr. Chevers' labors in that hitherto destitute part of the County. 19th, I preached in St. John's, City Point. 20th, I preached in Merchants' Hope, and confirmed two. 21st, I preached in Brandon Church. 22d, I preached in Smithfield, Isle of Wight, and confirmed two. 23d, I preached in Lower Surry Church, and confirmed seven. 24th, I preached in Suffolk, and confirmed one.

During the months of December, January, February and March, in addition to my collegiate duties of six lectures a week, I have united with the Rev. Dr. Totten in supplying the pulpit of Bruton Parish, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Dennison.

April 2d, I preached, in the morning, in St. John's Church, Richmond, and confirmed eleven. In the afternoon, I preached in the Monumental Church, and confirmed seventeen. 3d, I consecrated Immanuel Church, Hanover. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector; service by the Rev. Messrs. Woodbridge and Kepler; sermon by myself. 5th, I went to Fredericksburg, to meet with the persons named in the charter recently obtained for the Theological Seminary and High School, and to take such steps as were necessary to the organization of the Board. At night, I preached in St. George's Church. 7th, I preached in Calvary Church, Dinwiddie County. 8th, I preached in Sapony Church, and confirmed three. 9th, I consecrated Trinity Church, Brunswick. Sermon by myself. I also administered the ordinance of infant baptism. 10th, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Brunswick, and confirmed three. 11th, I preached in Grace Church, Greenville, and confirmed two. 12th, I preached in Christ Church, Hicksford, and confirmed two white and sixteen colored persons. 13th and 14th, I preached in Grace Church, Petersburg. 16th, in the morning, I preached for the congregation of St. Paul's, in the room in which they worship until their new church is completed. In the afternoon, I preached in Grace Church for the two congregations, and confirmed twenty-three—seventeen of Grace, and six of St. Paul's Church.

May 5th, I preached in St. Peter's, New Kent, and confirmed two. 7th, I preached, in the morning, in St. James' Church, Richmond, and confirmed forty-two. At night, I preached in St. Paul's, and confirmed ten. 8th, I preached in Mannikintown Church, Powhatan, and confirmed two. 9th, I preached in St. Luke's, Powhatan, and confirmed one. 10th, I preached in Immanuel Church, Powhatan, and confirmed five—two from Genito. 11th, I preached in St. James', Cumberland, and confirmed three. 13th, I preached in Grace Church, Cumberland, and confirmed one. 14th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Buckingham, and confirmed three.

It will be recollected, that the Convention which met at Charlottesville in 1849, expressed an opinion favorable to the application from the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, having for its object my acceptance of the Presidency of that institution. After a conference with the Board by Bishop Meade and myself, we concluded that it would be well to make the experiment, and in the fall of that year I removed from Richmond and entered on the duties of the office. The

result has, by the Divine blessing, quite equalled our expectations. The College has not only been resuscitated, but is now in prosperous operation, and unless some untoward event should occur, must, under its present professors, continue to gain the confidence of the community and to increase its patronage and usefulness.

As it was understood from the commencement that my connection with the institution was for a specific object, and would be but temporary, and as that object has, in the opinion of the Board of Visitors and of the Faculty, been satisfactorily accomplished, they have, in a manner very gratifying to myself, acquiesced in my withdrawal, and appreciated the considerations by which I was governed.

Although the Episcopal service rendered has not been diminished since my connection with the College, yet it must be obvious, that the double duties combined not unfrequently, as they were of necessity, with parochial ministrations, formed an amount of labor for which no one would desire to be responsible longer than could be avoided. Five years so employed, without intermission, disposed me to seek a situation where, in the occasional intervals of visitation, I could command that retirement which is requisite to a proper preparation for the more active work of the episcopate and the increasing demands of this extensive Diocese. With these views, my resignation was made, to take effect on the thirty-first of March last; and I am now at liberty to give myself exclusively to the services for which I was consecrated. The position which I have selected for my residence, though geographically near the confines of the Diocese, is, virtually, by reason of the lines of internal improvement which radiate from Alexandria, nearly central, and, taking the whole into consideration, will enable me to reach the different parishes in less time, and at less expense, than any other available situation.

J. JOHNS.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's report relative to the *Southern Churchman*, was referred to a Special Committee. The Chair appointed the following gentlemen the Committee:

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.,      David H. Conrad, Esq.,  
Cassius F. Lee, Esq.

The following Special Report, accompanied with resolutions, was presented by the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School of Virginia:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and High School beg leave to submit the following Special Report, for the consideration of this Convention:

During the last session of the General Assembly of Virginia, an act was passed by that body, entitled "An act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia," of which the following is the copy:

*"AN ACT incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia. [Passed February 28th, 1854.]*

*"Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That William Meade, John Johns, Edward C. McGuire, John Grammer, John P. McGuire, Charles B. Dana, Alexander Jones, George Adie, George Woodbridge, William Pollock, Cassius F. Lee, Dr. Thomas H. Claggett, Richard H. Cunningham, William H. Macfarland, Jeremiah Morton and Pike Powers, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Trustees of 'the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia,' and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, with power to hold, receive and purchase, to them and their successors forever, lands, tenements, money and other chattels, and dispose of and manage the same as shall seem best for the said Seminary and School: Provided, that the lands so held and required shall not exceed two hundred and fifty acres, nor the money and other chattels the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: And provided further, that the majority of said Trustees, or their successors, may at any time hereafter increase the number of Trustees to twenty, and that not less than a majority of the Trustees for the time being shall be sufficient to authorize the sale or mortgage of any real estate belonging to said institution.*

*"The said Trustees and their successors shall have power to appoint a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Professors, Tutors, and such other officers as they may deem proper, and to make and establish from time to time such by-laws, rules and regulations, (not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States,) as they may judge to be proper for the good government of said institution. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business; and any vacancy or vacancies amongst the Trustees, occasioned either by death, resignation, or removal from the State, or other disability, shall be supplied by appointment of the Board.*

*The Treasurer shall receive all moneys accruing to the Seminary and High School, or property delivered to his care, and shall pay or deliver the same to the order of the Board. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, he shall give bond with security, and in such penalty as the Board may direct, made payable to the Trustees for the*

time being, and their successors, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board; and it shall be lawful for the Trustees to obtain a judgment for the amount thereof, or for any special delinquency incurred by said Treasurer, on motion, in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth, against the said Treasurer and his security or securities, his or their executors or administrators, upon giving ten days' notice of such motion.

"The said Board of Trustees shall have the power, either by themselves or their agents, to take and to receive subscriptions for said institution, and in case any person shall fail to pay his or her subscription, to enforce the payment thereof by warrant before a magistrate, or by motion in any Court of Record in this Commonwealth, according to the amount of such subscription, giving ten days' notice of such motion.

"This act shall be in force from the passing thereof."

"STATE OF VIRGINIA, }  
City of Richmond, } To-wit:

"I, St. G. Tucker, Clerk of the House of Delegates, and Keeper of the Rolls of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, on the 28th of February, 1854.

"Given under my hand, this 28th of February, 1854.

"ST. G. TUCKER, C. H. D.,  
And Keeper of the Rolls of Va."

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Convention of the Diocese, held in this city on yesterday, the following communication was received, signed by the Secretary of the Board organized according to the preceding act of incorporation:

"At a meeting of the persons designated as Trustees in the act of the General Assembly, entitled an act 'incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia,' convened this 5th of April, 1854, at Fredericksburg, in the vestry-room of St. George's Church therein, due notice of the time and place of holding such meeting having been given to the persons named in said act as Trustees—present, Wm. Meade, John Johns, A. Jones, C. B. Dana, George Woodbridge, J. P. McGuire, E. C. McGuire, Richard Cunningham, J. Morton, Thos. H. Clagget, and William Pollock.

"This meeting being held to consider the act aforesaid, and to organize the corporation therein provided for, William Meade was called to the Chair, and E. C. McGuire appointed Secretary.

"The said act was read, and, upon motion, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the corporation or body politic therein ordained be now, and henceforth, instituted and established, to be conducted and managed in subordination to the said act.

"On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause the proceedings of this meeting to be entered in a journal, to be faithfully kept, and that he attend therewith the next meeting of the Trustees, when, having read the minutes, the same are to be signed by the Chairman; and that he enter on the journal the said act of incorporation.

"The election of officers was then proceeded in, and the Rt. Rev. William Meade was elected President, William Pollock Treasurer, and E. C. McGuire Secretary.

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by the Chair to prepare by-laws, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting. Whereupon, the Rt. Rev. John Johns, Rev. George Woodbridge and Wm. H. Macfarland were appointed the Committee.

"WILLIAM MEADE, *Chairman*.

"E. C. MCGUIRE, *Secretary*."

After reading of this communication, the following resolutions were unanimously passed, and ordered to be presented for the action of this Convention:

"*Resolved*, That the act of the Legislature, passed the 28th February, 1854, entitled "an act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia," is in harmony with the cherished policy of this Convention, as tending to place those institutions upon a footing of increased security and permanence, by means of the chartered rights with which they are now for the first time invested—and that the grateful acknowledgments of the Convention are due to the Legislature for the act of incorporation, and to the Rev. Mr. Cole for his agency in bringing the subject to its notice.

"*Resolved*, That the funds heretofore contributed to the Theological Seminary and High School, and which are now in the custody of William Pollock, Esq., Treasurer thereof, and all stocks in the names of Trustees therefor, and all bonds and other property whatsoever belonging to the said Seminary and High School, in whose names or hands soever it may be, ought to be surrendered to the Trustees in the said act of incorporation mentioned, to be faithfully held, used and applied forever to the ends for which they were and are designed; and that the said Treasurer, and other Trustees, having the control thereof, be, and they are hereby instructed to surrender the same to the Trustees in said act, when, and as they may be called upon therefor, by the act or resolution in due form of said Trustees."

In making this statement, your Board cannot refrain from congratulating the Church in this Diocese on the attainment of an object of importance of which has been recognized by former Conventions commended to the Board of Trustees with instructions to take measures as might be necessary for its accomplishment. These intentions have never been lost sight of, but the advantage which they contemplated proved unattainable until now, when, as already related General Assembly unhesitatingly granted a charter unlimited in duration, and as ample in its provisions as we could ask or desire.

The funds contributed for the support of our Seminary and School may now be held with all the permanent security which this affords. Thus obviating a serious objection, often encountered, additional subscriptions have been solicited, and enabling this Convention to present these favored and useful institutions for the patronage of the Church under circumstances which we trust will speedily secure their competent advancement.

By order of the Board.

Lynchburg, May, 18, 1854.

On motion, the resolutions accompanying the above report were unanimously adopted.

The following Standing Committees were then announced:

*Committee on the State of the Church.*

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| Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D., | D. H. Conrad, Esq.,    |
| " Alex. Jones, D. D.,    | E. T. Tayloe, Esq.,    |
| " William Armstrong,     | Dr. Thos. H. Claggett, |
| " Horace Stringfellow,   | J. B. Dabney, Esq.,    |
| " Jas. T. Johnston,      | H. P. Lefebvre, Esq.   |

*Committee on the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.*

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| Rev. John Grammer, | S. W. Shelton, Esq.,  |
| " Wm. V. Bowers,   | Thurmer Hoggard, Esq. |

*Committee on the Episcopal Fund.*

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| Rev. C. B. Dana, | Philip Nelson, Esq.,  |
| " J. F. Hoff,    | D. B. Fitzhugh, Esq., |
| " J. C. McCabe,  | Dr. F. W. Pendleton.  |

*Committee on the Account of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.*

Rev. T. T. Castleman,  
 " Jas. Chisholm,

Chas. Friend.

Rev. W. T. Leavell,  
 Dr. P. H. Foster,

*Committee on Parochial Reports.*

Rev. Jas. D. McCabe, D. D.,  
 " C. J. Gibson,  
 " C. Walker,  
 " O. A. Kinsolving,

Rev. J. T. Clarke,  
 H. Carrington, Esq.,  
 Wm. Pollock, Esq.,  
 Jas. M. Harris, Esq.

*Committee on New Parishes.*

Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.,  
 " George Woodbridge,  
 " W. N. Pendleton,

L. A. Boggs, Esq.,  
 A. C. Page, Esq.,  
 Edward Tarry, Esq.

*Committee on Elections.*

Rev. H. S. Kepler,

Rev. R. H. Wilmer,  
 Chas. A. Grice, Esq.

*Committee on Finance.*

W. H. Fowle, Esq.,

Jno. Rowlett, Esq.,  
 Richd. Cunningham, Esq.

Rev. C. B. Dana, President of the Standing Committee, read the report of their proceedings for the past conventional year.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's address in relation to the *Southern Churchman*, presented the following report and resolutions, which report was accepted and the resolutions accompanying the same unanimously adopted:

The Special Committee to whom have been referred the importance of adding to the support of the Diocesan paper, the *Southern Churchman*, beg leave heartily to respond to the suggestions of our senior Bishop; and feeling the necessity of immediate action, beg leave to report: That they deem it their duty to recommend *immediate* action by this present Convention, and by those friends of the Church now here assembled. Your Committee will not doubt that their recommendations will be cheerfully and liberally responded to. They therefore beg leave to propose the following resolutions:



1. That the lay delegates of this Convention do at once come forward and pledge themselves to pay for, or subscribe for, so many numbers of the *Southern Churchman*, as each one's conscientious sense of duty calls upon him to give to this valuable church journal, either donating a certain sum for a certain number of the papers to be sent to his address, and distributed by him, according to his best judgment, or by a subscription for a certain number of years.

2. That the same course be respectfully recommended to the friends of the Church now in this city, and that a committee be appointed by the Chair to carry out this part of the plan.

3. That the reverend clergy of the Diocese be earnestly requested to bring this matter before their respective parishioners as soon as possible after their return to their parishes, and communicate to the Editor of the *Southern Churchman* the result of their efforts, in the cash received and the subscriptions which they may obtain.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend Divine service.

The Convention again assembled after Divine service.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was at this time presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That with a view to the general and united action on the subject, the Bishop be requested to appoint some particular Sunday during the year for a collection to be made in the churches throughout the Diocese in aid of the Educational Society.

The following Committee was appointed, agreeable to the adoption of resolution No. 2, in the report of the Special Committee in reference to the *Southern Churchman* :

S. W. Shelton, Esq.,

Jas. N. Boyd, Esq.,

Wm. H. Fowle, Esq.

The following resolution was offered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Special Committee appointed on the interests of the *Southern Churchman* be requested to address a communication to the members of the Church throughout the Diocese who are parents, suggesting that they enlarge the circulation of that paper by sending a copy of the same from the office of publication to their sons and daughters who may be prosecuting their studies in colleges and schools away from their homes, it being the sense of this Convention that there would

few better methods of promoting the spiritual welfare of their  
spring.

Rev. J. Grammer presented the following document :

I beg leave to state to the Convention that I have set upon the table  
three pieces of communion plate, which originally belonged to the  
Church of Jamestown, the first Protestant Episcopal Church that was  
founded on the American continent. This plate was under the care of  
the vestry of Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, when the Jamestown  
Church fell into disuse and became extinct. In the summer of 1827,  
when I was about to be ordained a Presbyterian, the vestry of that parish  
acting through the Rev. Dr. Wilmer, who was then Rector, that the  
parishes in which I was ministering, and endeavoring to revive and  
re-organize, were destitute of communion plate, very kindly and most  
unexpectedly sent me these three pieces, accompanied by a resolution  
requiring me to preserve the same and to return to said vestry an  
acknowledgment of its receipt, and an obligation binding myself in the  
contingency of the future resuscitation of the Church in the old James-  
town Island and the canonical organization of a parish therein in con-  
nection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Vir-  
ginia, to restore the said plate to such Church. Such acknowledgment  
and obligation I accordingly forthwith forwarded to the said vestry, and  
from that time have kept the said plate under my own custody, having  
used it only on the first occasion of my administration of the Sacrament  
of the Lord's Supper, when, finding the size of the chalice rendered it  
very inconvenient, and being also otherwise provided with more conve-  
nient plate, this has since remained in disuse. These three pieces com-  
prise a large silver Chalice inscribed on the side with the words, "Mixe  
not holie things with profane," and under the foot the words, "*Ex  
vno Jacobi Morrison armigere, A. D. 1661.*" A silver Patten, with  
the same words inscribed on its bottom and underneath its foot, and a  
Silver Alms Basin or Plate, having inscribed on its rim the words, "For  
the use of James City Parish Church."

Having occasion some few years since to make enquiry, I learned  
from the Rev. H. M. Dennison, then Rector of Bruton Parish, that my  
obligation to the vestry above mentioned could not be found, and that  
no record of the proceedings of the vestry of Bruton Parish for 1827  
and several succeeding years had been preserved, and the knowledge of  
this fact suggesting to me the impropriety of leaving property over  
which the Convention only can be regarded as having any rightful own-  
ership, in irresponsible and consequently insecure hands, I have brought  
the said plate with me to this place, and now present it to the Conven-

tion, with the suggestion and request that it be committed to ———, to be deposited by them in the Library of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, there to be carefully preserved as a venerable historical memorial of our fathers, by whose pious zeal the Church of our affections was first planted in our land.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the communion plate surrendered to the Convention by the Rev. J. Grammer be now committed to the charge of Rev. Drs. Sparrow and Packard, to be by them carried to the Theological Seminary and deposited in the Library thereof, to be there carefully preserved.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed on the present condition of the Staunton Female Institute, to report to-morrow morning touching the progress made in fulfilment of the engagement of the Convention of 1851, to purchase the said Institution, and on such other points as may belong to the subject.

The following gentlemen were appointed such Committee :

Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.,                      Rev. T. T. Castleman,  
Col. F. H. Smith.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, May 19—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

On motion, clergymen present from other Dioceses in the United States, and from Canada, were invited to take seats as Honorary members.

The account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society was at this time presented and referred to the appropriate Committee.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported

the following gentlemen (who were not present the first day,) duly elected Delegates to this Convention:

**Samuel Stillman**, St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna.

**Walter Williams**, Christ Church, Norfolk.

**John J. Ambler**, St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.

**Isaac Hoge**, Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall County.

**H. W. Latane, Jr.**, St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, So. Farnham Parish, Essex County.

**Dr. M. Miller**, }  
**Jno. R. Bryan**, } Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County.

**Col. Thos. H. Ellis**, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

**Edward Scott, Jr.**, Mannikinton Church, King William Parish, Powhatan County.

**Dr. Henry L. Davies**, Lexington Parish, Amherst County.

A letter was at this time read to the Convention, from the President of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, inviting the members of the Convention to take a trip to Christiansburg, and return at their pleasure, or the next day.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the President of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad for the same.

On motion, the name of the new parish formed at the last Convention, from Wickliffe Parish, was changed from Luther to Clarke Parish.

**Col. Geo. M. Carrington**, Treasurer of the Fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute, presented his account to the Convention.

On motion, the same was referred to the Special Committee on the Staunton Female Institute.

**Rev. C. B. Dana**, Chairman of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund, made the following report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Treasurer thereof, **Washington C. Page, Esq.** of Alexandria, the following statement of the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to present to the Convention as their report. They have examined the statement and found it to be correct; and they believe, moreover, that the fund is safely invested and judiciously managed.

CHAS. B. DANA, Chairman.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last Convention, he has purchased ten shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock—leaving a balance in his hands of four dollars and fifty cents, as per statement, viz :

## CREDITS.

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| Balance of cash on hand, reported May, 1853,           | \$69 00    |
| Dividends received from the Exchange Bank of Virginia, | 480 00     |
| “ “ “ Farmers' Bank of Virginia,                       | 468 00     |
| “ “ “ Bank of the Valley,                              | 90 00      |
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|                                                        | \$1,107 00 |

## CHARGES.

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| To cash paid for five shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$110 50 per share, | 552 50   |
| To cash paid for five shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock, at \$110 per share,    | 550 00   |
| Balance on hand,                                                                     | 4 50     |
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|                                                                                      | 1,107 00 |

The fund consists now of—

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| 60 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, | 6,000 00  |
| 66 “ Farmers' Bank of Virginia “              | 6,600 00  |
| 10 “ Bank of the Valley in Virginia stock,    | 1,000 00  |
| Cash on hand,                                 | 4 50      |
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|                                               | 13,604 50 |

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| Amount of the fund last year, | 12,669 00 |
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| Increase, | \$935 50 |
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Respectfully submitted,

WASH: C. PAGE, *Treasurer*.

*Alexandria, May 13, 1854.*

Rev. J. Grammer, Chairman of the Committee on the “Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen,” reported that, not having received any report from the Treasurer of that fund, they were unable themselves to make any Report.\*

\*The report was received at a later hour and is here inserted.—SECRETARY.

*Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.*

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| semi-annual dividend of Exchange Bank for July, 1853, and January, 1854,    | 592 00   |
| semi-annual dividend of Farmers' Bank for July, 1853, and January, 1854,    | 168 00   |
| semi-annual dividend of Bank of Virginia for July, 1853, and January, 1854, | 5 60     |
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|                                                                             | \$765 60 |

Richmond, January 20th, 1854. Received of John L. Bacon, W. Hubbard and Thos. Nelson, Trustees of the Fund for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia, Seven Hundred and Sixty-five 60-100 Dollars, for dividends Bank stock for July, 1853, and January, 1854, as listed above.

JOHN STEWART,

*Treasurer Widows and Orphans, &c.*

PÈR A. BOLLING.

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report :

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, respectfully report, that they have had, during the past year, sixteen missionaries in their employment, to whom they have appropriated \$975 00.

They have contributed to the Rev. Mr. Tompkins, of Wellsburg, \$100; to the Rev. A. B. Tizzard, in Chesterfield and Powhatan, \$95; to the Rev. E. T. Perkins, in Parkersburg, \$130; to the Rev. W. L. Lyland, in Western Virginia, \$95; to the Rev. S. R. Slack, in Albemarle, \$100; to the Rev. J. C. McCabe, in Hampton and Surry, \$95; to the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of the city of Richmond, \$300; to the Rev. A. Weed, Accomac, \$150; to the Rev. J. C. Wheat, in Augusta and Buckingham, \$100; to the Rev. J. M. Chevers, in Amelia and Powhatan, \$200; to the Rev. R. A. Castleman, in Western Virginia, \$120; to the Rev. J. J. Page, Western Virginia, \$120; to the Rev. W. N. Middleton, Rockbridge, \$150; to the Rev. Henry Wall, Caroline, \$120; to the Rev. Tho. M. Ambler, Dinwiddie, \$100.

Four of these missionaries have left their spheres of labor, and sought other employment or left the Diocese.

At the close of the present fiscal year, the Executive Committee, finding in the treasury a small amount of unappropriated funds, deter-

mined, in consequence of the great increase in the expense of living, to make a donation to their missionaries. They gave, therefore, to the Rev. Messrs. Castleman and Page, \$50 each; to the Rev. Messrs. McCabe, Tizzard, Hyland and Wheat, \$25 each; and to the Rev. Messrs. Pendleton and Chevers, \$37 50.

The Committee would draw attention to this fact. They feel that the greatly increased expenditure of living requires, if we would retain the missionaries in our employment whom we at present have, or if we would attract others into it, that the friends of the Church throughout the Diocese must enlarge their contributions to this Society. We cannot expect that the missionaries should remain among us contented with such a scanty and meagre support, when other more inviting fields of labor are presented.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Convention shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Grace Church, Lexington, on the third Wednesday in May, 1855.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till after divine service.

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Convention re-assembled after divine service.

The Select Committee on the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton presented their report, accompanied with resolutions.

On motion, the resolutions contained in the above report were referred to the following Select Committee:

D. H. Conrad, Esq.,

Cassius F. Lee, Esq.,

Rev. T. T. Castleman.

On motion, the account of the Treasurer of the Fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, was referred to the same Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. to-morrow.

SATURDAY, May 20, 1854.

The Convention assembled at 9, A. M., according to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop took the Chair, and the Convention was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Ass't. Bishop.

The Secretary read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The chairman of the Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society made the following report:

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society have examined the accounts and vouchers and found them correct.

T. T. CASTLEMAN, *Chairman*.

(For Treasurer's account, see Appendix No. II.)

Rev. J. H. Wingfield appeared and took his seat.

The chairman of the Select Committee (appointed yesterday afternoon) on the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, presented the following report, with the accompanying resolutions:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the several matters relating to the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, regret that they have had but a few hours to consider a subject involving a great variety of topics, financial, legal and administrative, and to make their examination in the absence of all the information which would have been gained by the inspection of the records of the trustees, the evidences of indebtedness, and indeed the records of the former action of this Convention in the premises; they are therefore compelled to make a report to this Convention upon the bare outline of the facts, which have been freely communicated by the reverend gentleman who is one of this Committee. With this apology for the barrenness of their material, they will proceed to give to the Convention the results of their hasty investigation:

First. They present, as well as they can gather from the statements of the one of their Committee above referred to, the *pecuniary status* of the Institute, and the financial prospects for the liquidation of this indebtedness. In this they may be obliged to use round numbers, not having the means of ascertaining precise amounts.

There is a debt secured by *mortgage* on the real estate of the Institute due to the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, of \$2,500

(This is a debt due from the Corporation, which can be, it is presumed, legally enforced by suit upon the bond, or by a bill to



Brought forward, - - - - - \$2,50  
foreclose the mortgage. This claim they understand to be a balance due from the Institute of the original loan made to build the establishment.)

Various claims (whether they have been audited and approved of, your committee do not know,) for carpenters' work, and other mechanical work and labor, are held by Mr. Trotter—said to be 1,10

Claims *due by account* are held by a gentleman of the bar, named Young—said to amount to 71

And other claims, due also by account, held by Mr. Johnson for collection, to the amount of 51

Making \$4,81

Perhaps other claims may be outstanding, but these are known, and some of them pressing for payment.

Your committee here state that it is exceedingly important that, in any application be made of funds in discharge of these debts, the same be made first to that debt which is perhaps the only one legally binding upon the Institute; and this, not because one just debt is whether barred by the limitation of time, if known to be just, is not obligatory in conscience as another, but because every debtor, whether an individual or body corporate, is obliged to have regard to the priority of claim which the law of the land has afforded to certain debts of security, and which must be regarded, because it may at any time be enforced through the courts of justice.

The Bank debt is of this character. The other debts they understand to be open accounts of a date which would bar their collection; and any idea could be entertained of relying upon any such defence, which is distinctly disclaimed.

The Convention, by its former action at the Convention at Staunton in the year 1851, acceded to a proposition made by several liberal gentlemen of Staunton, that the Convention would endeavor to raise a sum of \$7,000, to go towards the liquidation of the then existing debt of the Institute, upon the understanding that these gentlemen, eleven in number, (one of whom is now dead,) should have the right to collect existing subscriptions and procure others, and then pay off the rest of the debt as it then stood.

Of this \$7,000, by such means as may be known to the members of this Convention, \$3,000 have been paid over towards this end; besides this sum, there is now under the control of the Convention, subject to this destination, \$800, or thereabouts, in the hands of

treasurer of the fund, Col. Carrington, and \$174.04 in the Valley Bank at Staunton.

It appears, then, that of the \$7,000, there is still unpaid and in arrear \$3,026, after the application of all the funds which have been collected by the most earnest appeals to the liberality or patronage of the members of the Episcopal Church in Virginia. From what they can learn, the Convention, as the organ of this body of members, has done every thing to carry out its purpose, sparing no pains to raise the sum, using the most earnest endeavor, and approving of the most urgent appeals to effect the object for the last three or four years. Your committee cannot withhold the expression of their conviction that the claim is not one which seems to approve itself to the patronage and support of our people. They respond liberally to many other calls upon their pecuniary means, but certainly with reluctance to this.

Another thing your committee thinks is very apparent: that this undertaking of the Convention was not a well advised one, because of various legal difficulties which stand in the way of a proper transfer to them of that ownership and legal control over the Institute which is indispensably necessary to carry out the purposes of the engagement made. The Convention of the Diocese is not a corporate body, and cannot, as such, contract for or hold property; and there is a constitutional difficulty, increased by a vigilant and growing jealousy of our political men against the assumption or grant of any such power. Your committee perceive other obstacles in the way of a perfect compliance with the obligation to transfer to this body the title to this property. How can it be done? If to trustees, appointed by the Convention, what is gained? Already is the property held by trustees, doubtless devoted to and zealous for the interests of the church; and as the matter now stands, or may be made to stand, under the views of your committee, the same result is attained which could be attained if the \$7,000 were fully paid up, and trustees appointed or nominated by the Convention; but with this important and significant advantage, that if the Institute be allowed to go on under its present organization, it will do so in conformity with its charter, while by assuming the ownership of the Institute, the rights under the existing charter might be forfeited, and, at all events, legislative interference might be roused to action under the prevailing jealousy against religious corporations, however unjustly entertained or inapplicable to this valuable enterprise.

Your committee, therefore, after a careful and as full a consideration of the subject as they could give to it, are of opinion that it is desirable that the Convention should depend no longer upon the uncertain and precarious system of raising funds by appeals to members of their body,

when in session and engaged in so many other indispensable duties and religious engagements; that it is burdensome to the delegates, clerics and lay, to have these appeals made to them year after year; that the Institute will succeed much better under the control of the stockholders and trustees elected by them under their charter, than under any ownership or control which could be possibly conferred on the Convention of the Diocese; and that, therefore, it is highly desirable to change the relations in which the Convention stands to the Female Institute.

A majority of your committee is therefore of opinion that the Convention would act wisely to hand over to the corporate authority of the Institute the fund now on hand which has been destined for the Institute, and also make over to them the sum of \$3,000 already paid in and decline all further endeavor to raise the \$7,000, with the distinct release of the corporation of all obligation to convey or transfer to the Convention any title to or control over the Institute or its administration, and thus leave to the individual enterprise and care of the members of the church, who are willing to aid in building up the Institution the duty of paying off the indebtedness, and electing proper trustees and other officers.

Or, as an alternative plan, they suggest that the stockholders of the Institute, who have (as they learn) authorised the transfer of their shares of stock to the Convention, on the full payment of the sum of \$7,000, be requested to assign in legal form, to such persons as may be designated by the Convention, stock to the amount already paid in by the Convention, and that an appeal be made to such members of the church, or any others friendly to the cause and willing to invest their money in so thriving and useful an Institution, to subscribe for as many additional shares as will relieve the Institution from all present and prospective embarrassment. If thirty opulent members of the church would take one share each, this would be at once effected.

But your committee fear that so desirable an end could hardly be attained on this the last business day of our session, but might possibly be before the meeting of the next annual Convention. They close their hastily prepared views by recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

[In case the Convention concur in the first plan,]

1. *Resolved*, That the Convention from its past experience feel assured that it cannot, without great sacrifice, fulfil its intentions in raising the balance of the stipulated sum of \$7,000, according to its resolution at the Staunton Convention; and deeming it more expedient that the Virginia Female Institute should be committed to the foster care of the individual members of the church, and to the custody of

proper corporate authorities, do hereby surrender to the Trustees the funds heretofore raised and now in hand for the benefit of the Institute, to be faithfully held, used and forever applied by them to the objects and purposes of said Institute, as an Episcopal Female Seminary, with the earnest hope and trust that the true principles of our holy faith will be always and faithfully inculcated therein.

[Or, in case the second plan be preferred,]

2. *Resolved*, That the Stockholders of the Virginia Female Institute, who have signified their willingness to transfer their interest in the Institute to this Convention on the payment of a certain sum towards the liquidation of the indebtedness of the same, be respectfully requested to assign over and transfer in due legal form to , who are hereby appointed Special Trustees for the purpose, stock to the amount of \$3,900, which stock shall be held in their names as Stockholders in said Institute, in behalf of the Convention. And, further, it is hereby earnestly recommended to those liberal laymen of our communion who are sensible of the great value of this school to the church, to subscribe for stock in this Institute to the amount of \$3,000, to meet the engagement of the Convention heretofore made.

[And to effect this end,]

3. *Resolved*, That the clergy of the Diocese be requested, and it is hereby earnestly recommended to them, to bring before their respective parishioners the claims of the Institute upon the church, by such appeals to their liberality and statements of the pressing needs of the Institute, as may be suggested to them in consideration of the urgent necessity for immediate relief.

Signed by order of the committee,

D. H. CONRAD,  
*Chairman of the Committee.*

The subject, after considerable debate, was laid on the table.

The Committee on Parochial Reports presented their report, as follows :

The Committee on Parochial Reports would respectfully report, that they have examined and prepared for publication in the Journal, one hundred and two Parochial Reports, a synopsis of which has been made out, and is herewith presented, to be entered on the Journal.

The Committee have also prepared a form of Parochial Reports, in accordance with first section of Canon XII. of the General Convention of 1858. The use of this form will greatly aid future committees in the accurate discharge of their duties.

JAMES D. McCABE, *Chm'n.*

(For Parochial Reports and Synopsis, see Appendix No. I.)

On motion, the Convention resolved to proceed to the election of the Standing Committee, and on taking the ballot, the following gentlemen were found to be elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing Conventional year :

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| Rev. C. B. Dana,    | Dr. Orlando Fairfax, |
| Wm. Sparrow, D. D., | John Hoff, Esq.,     |
| Jas. T. Johnston,   | Cassius F. Lee, Esq. |

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society :

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| Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.,  | Rev. Geo. D. Cummins, |
| Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D., | Geo. Woodbridge,      |
| Rev. H. S. Kepler.          |                       |

John O. Steger, Esq., *Secretary.*

John L. Bacon, Esq., *Treasurer.*

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the several Railroad and Canal Boat Companies who reduced their fare to members attending this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Lynchburg, for their hospitable entertainment of its members.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the pastors of the city who offered the use of their various churches to the clergy of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Editors of the Lynchburg Daily Virginian for the publication of the proceedings of this Convention, for their liberal supply of papers to its members, and for the privilege of their reading room granted to us; also, that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to other papers who may publish our proceedings.

On motion, two thousand copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay the expenses of the Secretary.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay fifteen dollars to the Door-keeper.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at 1 o'clock.

1 o'clock, P M.

The Convention re-assembled at 1 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report :

It is with thankfulness to Almighty God, that the Committee on the State of the Church feel themselves warranted to begin this their annual report in a tone of cheerfulness and hope. They would be on their guard against any favorable or unfavorable views, which facts do not nearly require ; but facts seem, in the present instance, to justify them in the use of such language. The annual reports of our Bishops, the official reports of the clergy, their less formal statements which we have heard in their conversations with one another, the statements of our laymen who have not confined their attention to their own official limits merely,—these things, together with what has come before our own eyes, lead us to the conviction, that looking back upon the past, we have reason to thank God, and looking forward to the future, to take courage.

A few years ago we were, very naturally, somewhat despondent. War was in our midst ; controversy was rife, and energy was employed in combating error, which under more auspicious circumstances would have been employed in the works of Gospel beneficence and spiritual enterprise, in procuring good, rather than preventing evil. We do not now say, that the evils referred to have entirely ceased, nor that the occasion for fear has passed away ; but, through the blessing of God, in an earnest contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, a happy reaction has begun throughout the church at large, doubting minds have become decided, errorists from inconsideration have retraced their steps, errorists from perversity of judgment have gone on and made manifest, and the spirit of a Scriptural and Protestant theology has been largely revived among us, especially among the laity, throughout all our borders. Virginia has felt the influence of these things. Though free from direct implication in the errors referred to, she could not, of course, be free from anxiety about the issue : when a member suffers, all the members suffer with it. But being now released, in a measure, from the fears and engagements which this formal and dutiful interest in the welfare of our whole communion imposed, she is returning with a clearer perception of the truth, a stronger faith and a more active charity, as we trust and believe, to her proper work, that of making Christians, in the use of the word and by the power of the Spirit, and of carrying such onward towards perfection.

The proofs of this improved state of things are found in various particulars. The number of *Confirmations* during the year past has increased. *Contributions* to religious and benevolent objects have been generally, larger. The cause of *Sunday Schools* has grown in the affections of our members. There has been an increased regard to the spiritual welfare of our *colored population*, and baptisms and marriages among them have been more frequent. Yet further, the *missionary cause*, in both its departments, has excited an increased interest; and above all, a deeper sense of our shortcomings as a working church is felt, and a fuller conviction, that spiritual deficiencies can only be effectually supplied by Him with whom is the residue of the Spirit.

In regard to this last particular, one specification is important here. It is confessed on all hands that the great want of the Church at this time, so far as relates to instrumentalities and means, pertains to the number of ministers, and its great inadequacy: "what are they among so many?" The time has often been in the history of the Christian church, and has not yet entirely passed away, in which there was no deficiency of this kind, or, properly speaking, none was felt. The wants of the Church were either not seen, or not cared for. Thank God, that is not the case now. We see and we deplore waste places at home that cannot be rebuilt, for want of men, and other places in our wide-spread republic, which have not as yet been ever built up in any Christian sense; and *abroad*—all language fails to describe the unsupplied want that is there found, the width of the field inviting culture, the doors to ministerial usefulness that are there thrown open, the millions of heathens accessible to missionary labor, yea, more than that the millions that are not barely passively waiting to be sought for, but are spontaneously coming to our doors, and asking at our hands the boon of gospel knowledge and gospel hope. It was once thought, and it truly was a glorious providence, by which a few islanders in the Southern Pacific were led to throw away their idols, and declare themselves ready for the worship of the true and living God: *now* the dense masses of Africa and the countless millions of China, are not only renouncing idolatry, but advancing of their own accord into revealed truth, and virtually challenging Christian ministers to come, and, as Aquila and Priscilla did for Apollos, "instruct them in the way of God more perfectly." With the contemplation of such a state of things there is, of course, much pain connected in a tender Christian heart. An earnest longing is felt, to relieve such distress, to supply such deficiency. "Oh, that I had means to send them! that I had a voice to reach them! that I had the wings of a dove, that I might fly, and speak to them the words of life!"—in some such broken accents do

the Christian heart give utterance to its sympathy and pity, its desire for Christ's glory and man's salvation. But though such deep spiritual commiseration may be painful, it is far better than indifference. One of the best tokens for good in our communion is this growing sympathy of a godly sort, this carefulness which is wrought in Christians, this clearing of themselves from their past neglects, this fear for the spiritual condition of men every where, this vehement desire for their relief, this zeal for the glory of Christ as connected with human salvation. Such a spirit is the precursor of great things, especially as it is also an *humble* spirit. The last twenty years' experience has helped to show our people, in various ways, that it is "not by might nor by power" of any human kind—that it is not the soundness of authorized and published creeds, nor the excellence of devotional formularies, nor the Scriptural wisdom of ecclesiastical arrangements, that will secure a church in spiritual prosperity and fit it to do spiritual work;—that these, though all of them are vastly important, and some of them absolutely indispensable, are, after all, only the instrumentalities by which God operates in the Church; and that to continue in the enjoyment of his quickening and converting, his shielding and sustaining grace, the Church must be in constant and conscious communication with its Divine Head, ever touching the hem of his garment, and so ever receiving from him that virtue by which alone can, not only disease be expelled, but health preserved.

Now it is the indication of such a spirit in the Church, in reference to the great and pressing want of the day, which specially cheers your Committee, and which has led them to indulge in happy auguries. When a spiritual want is real, when it is deeply felt, when it is realized that God alone can supply it, and when his people are looking directly to him, humbly and prayerfully, not relaxing effort, but only renouncing self-sufficiency and merit, just that "extremity" has occurred, which, in the words of another, is "God's opportunity." If, therefore, this spirit which has been noticed, should go on increasing among us, there cannot be a doubt that all will soon issue in a glorious consummation. Great will be the company of the preachers, and these preachers being, as such a state of things implies, truly, "men of God," sent of him and on his errand, great will be the prosperity of Zion at home, and the nations all abroad will soon taste of the salvation of Christ.

We have spoken of *coming* good: have not the first drops of the shower already reached us? In answer to the prayers and exertions of ministers and people, already have several young men within our bounds, lately brought under the influence of religion in our schools of learning of various grades, declared their purpose of devoting their



lives to the work of the ministry. For this, God be praised! May lead to more exertion and more blessing! This is especially God work, and to him should it be especially referred. In reference to another thing which his people seek, does Jehovah say to them so emphatically, "Yet for *this*, will I be enquired of by the house of Israel: do it for them."

In connection with this subject it may be proper to record, with all thankfulness, that our Theological Seminary is more prosperous at this time than for the previous year or two, and that a good spirit prevails among those who have there actually commenced their preparation for the ministry. We would express the hope, that praying people among us do not fail to make mention of this "school of the prophets," when they approach the throne of grace. If the importance of an object should be the measure of our intercessions for it, we cannot be too frequent or too earnest in our supplications to God, that the continual dew of his blessing may descend upon that Institution, and the High School annexed. However unpretending the former institution in the feeling of those connected with it, and however noiselessly and humbly it may seek to do the work assigned it, yet, owing to the force of circumstances, it is manifest, from the results already before the Church and the world, patent to general observation, that it cannot fail to exert a great influence within our Diocesan limits, beyond them throughout our continent, and further still, even to the ends of the earth. Speaking thus of the influence which our Seminary is designed to exert, it naturally occurs to mention an event calculated, we trust, to increase that influence. It is with thankfulness to Providence and to all the instruments employed, that your Committee notices and records the fact of the charter recently granted to our Seminary, so wisely and so well, by the Legislature of the State.

We notice another sign for good among the signs of the times. The slowness with which religion has advanced among us for some years past, has been in part attributed, we believe universally, to the stimulus given to the love of money by the discovery of the precious metals, and by the opening of new channels of enterprise along our Pacific board. This mania, it appears to your Committee, has reached its climax, and men are beginning more readily to believe, that godliness with contentment is great gain; and in all respects to listen with more docility to the voice of reason and revealed truth in regard to the true nature of human life, and the proper use of earthly possessions. Untimely deaths and bitter disappointments have largely contributed to check the phrenzy: while we sorrow at the means, we rejoice at the result, and regard it as a token that God is preparing large blessing for us.

A last circumstance of encouragement : The mind of our Communion, as indeed of Christendom, seems duly impressed with the évents that are in progress, and appear to be in preparation, in the world, and with the ulterior events, of high spiritual import, to which they may lead. Under this impression, they seem disposed to address themselves with solemnity and earnestness to the duties which belong in critical times, and indeed in all times, to those who are followers of the Saviour of mankind. Eschewing all idle curiosity, all vain speculation, all intrusion into the secret things which belong unto the Lord, as profanity, or will worship, or fanaticism, or superstition, or some other wicked delusion, and keeping close to the Bible and the sought influences of the Spirit, as the only safe chart and guidance in life, they seem disposed, in subordination to their teaching, to watch the orderings of Providence and stand prepared, in a feeling of accountability and humble joy, to respond to and profit by every call that may be made, every event that may arise. Great events are plainly in store for us. They may be distant, or they may be near : the duty of Christians is to be always ready. Eighteen centuries ago the Saviour and his apostle gave the command to mark the signs of the times, and to watch and be sober ; after the lapse of so long a time, it cannot be inappropriate now, nor action on it out of place. We think we see this persuasion growing up in the mind of the Church, and regarding it as a good omen, we are led thus to notice it. So long as it regulates itself by the written word, and exercises itself in plain, undoubted, practical and every day duty, we cannot but pray that it may increase more and more.

In conclusion, your Committee would call the attention of this Convention to the importance of giving a full and liberal support to our Diocesan paper, *The Southern Churchman*. This subject was brought forward by the Committee on the State of the Church last year. It does not seem to your present Committee an overdoing of the matter, to ask attention to it again, and that too, though it has been already before this body and been made the subject of action by it. Excepting our Bishops and Theological Seminary, there is nothing with which the Convention is concerned, more purely Diocesan, or more important to the welfare of the Diocese, than this paper. Some such paper we must have. No Diocese of any strength can be long without one ; and especially, once a Diocese has had one, even for a little space, can it never afterwards bring itself to forego the advantage and convenience. It has been more than once proposed in the Church at large, that several Diocesan papers should be merged in one of mammoth circulation and superior excellence. But that can never be. Should the arrangement be made for a time, that time must prove very short : Diocesan feeling and

Diocesan wants would soon demand the re-establishment of the Diocesan paper. But the Diocese of Virginia possesses a religious paper, which on account of its own merits, we should be unwilling to see merged any other. It deserves to be maintained in an independent existence and with increased prosperity. All who will duly reflect what a religious journal should be, which at once aims to be a good family paper, a careful chronicler of ecclesiastical events, a wise and moderate critic of ecclesiastical doings, a faithful guardian of the Scriptural soundness of the Church, a journal for the clergy and the laity, the young and the old, the educated and the little-learned alike, cannot fail to see, that difficult as is the task of meeting all these requirements, a near approximation to it is made, so far as the size of the sheet will allow, by *The Southern Churchman*. And while the paper is so worthy of patronage, what patronage does it receive? We are unmistakeably informed, that its subscription list does not number more than twelve hundred and fifty names; while the State journal of another Christian denomination in Virginia, of about our own numerical strength, numbers seven thousand. In this latter case we cannot suppose that our Christian brethren referred to have run into excess: we have never met an instance of error in that direction and of that kind. The more natural way of accounting for the disparity in the circulation of the two papers, is to suppose that the members of our Church have been deficient in this particular, and have failed to give their Diocesan paper the support it deserves, and which their own interests require. In this imperfect notice, therefore, of the state of the Church in this Diocese, its well-being and deficiencies, we would respectfully name, under the latter head, a want of better support to *The Southern Churchman*; and would earnestly recommend, as promising much for the cause of religion among us, that it be taken and read by every family within our bounds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. Shelton, Esq., Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to carry out resolution No. 2, adopted Thursday morning in reference to the *Southern Churchman*, reported, as the result of their efforts, the sum of one hundred and ninety-six dollars to have been raised.

On motion, the consideration of the subject of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton was again resumed, and resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That funds collected for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute be deposited with Col. George M. Carrington, su

ject to the order of this Committee just appointed, whenever, in their opinion, the objects of this Convention can be fully carried out.

2. *Resolved*, That the stockholders of the Virginia Female Institute having signified their willingness to transfer their interest in the Institute to this Convention, on the payment of a certain sum towards the liquidation of the indebtedness of the same, be respectfully requested to assign over and transfer, or cause to be assigned and transferred, in due legal form, to H. W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis and the Rev. R. H. Wilmer (who are hereby appointed special trustees for the purpose) the whole of the stock held in said Institute, and the trustees above named are requested to cause to be transferred to them the same, to be held by them, in their names, as stockholders in said Institute, in behalf of the Convention; and, further, it is hereby earnestly recommended to those liberal laymen of our communion who are sensible of the great value of this school to the church, to subscribe for stock in this Institute to the amount of about \$3,100, which will make the full sum of \$7,000 originally assumed by the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That Messrs. H. W. Sheffey, E. Davis and Rev. R. H. Wilmer, the trustees above named, be requested to see that the real estate and other property of said Institute be fully released from the deed of trust and other obligations against the same.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Phillips, A. J. Garber and W. W. Donaghe, appointed to attend to the interests of the Convention in regard to the Virginia Female Institute be discharged.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the account of Geo. M. Carrington, Esq., Treasurer, of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, reported the same to be correct.

The Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton reports to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church that he has received the following contributions to the fund since his last report, viz :

1853.

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| May 14. Balance in hand per report of this date,    | - | - | \$143 04       |
| Deposited in the Bank of the Valley at sundry times |   |   |                |
| by persons unknown to the Treasurer,                | - | - | 188 59         |
| Carried forward,                                    |   |   | <hr/> \$331 63 |

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| Brought forward,                                                                                      |            | \$331 63       |
| May 27, Received of Mrs. Ann Nisbett, Cumberland Parish,<br>Lunenburg, per Rev. T. E. Locke,          | - -        | 10 00          |
| " 15, Received of the Rev. G. S. Carraway, amount of<br>collections in the churches under his charge, | -          | 21 00          |
|                                                                                                       |            | <hr/> \$362 63 |
| 1854.                                                                                                 |            |                |
| March, Checked in favor of the Committee,                                                             | \$188 59   | } \$362 63     |
| May 15, Deposited in the Branch Bank of the<br>Valley at Staunton,                                    | - - 174 04 |                |
| Balance now in Bank to the credit of the fund,                                                        |            | \$174 04       |

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer.*

*Richmond City, May 15th, 1854.*

Bishop Meade not being present, Bishop Johns took the chair.  
On motion,

*Resolved,* That inasmuch as there is supposed to be some uncertainty in regard to the amount of the salary assigned to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the intention of this Convention was and is, that the annual salary of said Bishop be permanently two thousand dollars.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to send as many printed forms for Parochial Reports to each clergyman as there may be Parishes under his charge.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which is as follows :

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that the account of W. H. Hubbard, Esq., Treasurer, is sustained by proper vouchers, and is correctly stated. The contributions to the contingent fund for 1854 will be found in paper herewith marked A,\* and amount to \$5,354.44. The amounts paid on account of deficiency of 1853 will be found in paper B.\* The names of Parishes and Churches delinquent for 1854 will be found in paper C.\* There may be and probably are errors in the detail of this report. The Committee can only say that they have discharged their duty in the best way possible, with the facts before them.

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| WILLIAM H. FOWLE, | } <i>Com. on Finance.</i> |
| R. H. CUNNINGHAM, |                           |
| JOHN ROWLETT,     |                           |

\*See Appendix No. III.

On motion, the law of the State of Virginia prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage was ordered to be placed in the Journal.

The Secretary then read the minutes of to-day's proceedings, and the Convention adjourned, after appropriate religious exercises, to meet in Grace Church, Lexington, Va., on the third Wednesday in May, 1855.

WILLIAM MEADE,  
*President of the Convention.*

A. L. SEABURY, *Secretary pro. tem.*

ED. T. TAYLOR, *Assistant Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

### A.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

### ACCOMMAC COUNTY.

*St. James', St. George's and St. Michael's Churches, St. George's Parish.*

Rev. WM. J. ZIMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 19; died, 1; present number, 58. Baptisms—white adults, 2; colored infants, 6; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 11. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 3; scholars, 10; Families, 60. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$900. Post Office—Onancock, Accommac county.

### ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Walker's Parish.*

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 2; died, 3; present number, white, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 5; scholars, 25; families, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$121.83. Post Office—Cobham Depot, Albemarle county.

*University of Virginia.*

Rev. WM. D. HANSON, Chaplain.

The present incumbent entered upon his duties the first of October last. It is his privilege to report a pleasing degree of interest at present prevailing upon the subject of religion: an interest which first

itself, in a marked manner, after the death of the late lamented courtney. It has ever since then been displayed by a large attendance upon the Students' General Prayer Meeting, which is held every afternoon, as well as by their attendance upon other weekly meetings of a more private nature. In these meetings members of the Christian denominations harmoniously and voluntarily assemble and pray together. In answer to their petitions, the Holy Spirit has largely poured out.

Though no law of the Institution requires the presence of the students in the chapel, either on Sunday or at daily morning prayers, the attendance upon both occasions, especially the latter, has been very engaging.

Without suspending or interfering with College exercises, we have managed to devote special attention to the one thing needful. As the result, under the blessing of God, between twenty-five and thirty now live with a good hope through grace. Of this number, including a few members of Professors' families, the majority have connected themselves with various churches established in Charlottesville. Some have been proper to defer a public profession of their faith until their graduation. None of the ordinances of religion are administered at the University.

It is proper to add, that the general tone of morality in our midst has been sensibly raised by the religious movement.

Deaths—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—colored, 1. Post Office—University of Virginia.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville.*

R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Baptisms—added, 41; died, 3; removed, 8; total, 93. Baptisms—white, 7; infants, 9; total, 16. Confirmations, 39. Marriages—white, 10; colored, 3; total 13. Funerals—white, 11; colored, 2, 13. Number of families, 53. Teachers in white Sunday School, 8; scholars, 50. Teachers in colored Sunday School, 12; scholars, 35. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$35.

The above report embraces the last two years.

*Fredericksville Parish.*

R. W. N. NOLAND, Lay Delegate.

Baptisms—added, white, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 3. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 3. Mar-



riages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 1; scholars, 30; families, 44. Colored catechumen, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$185.27. Post Office—Woodville Depot, Albemarle.

REMARKS.—This Parish is at present without a Rector, but we have reason to hope that a recent invitation to an estimable clergyman will be accepted by him.

*Christ Church, St. Anne's Parish.*

WM. N. NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white 1. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$245.13.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

The undersigned, in pursuance of Canon XII. of 1853, respectfully reports:

That since his resignation of Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle county, on the 1st of October last, he has been acting under his appointment as a General Agent of the American Tract Society in Virginia and the District of Columbia. The claims of this institution he has presented to the Christian public in twenty-six sermons and twelve addresses, and collected in its behalf, and which has passed through his own hands, \$2,506.39, besides other donations which have been remitted direct to the Society.

That he has preached on twenty-two other occasions; read prayer twenty-three times; the ante-communion six times; administered the holy communion once, and assisted in its administration four times; baptized one child; married one couple; and buried two persons.

And that he subscribes himself, very faithfully, yours in the gospel,

S. R. SLACK.

*Mechum's River, Albemarle, May 17, 1854.*

ALEXANDRIA.

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 17; removed, 16; died, 5; present number, white, 151; colored, 3; total, 154. Baptisms—white adults 3; white infants, 32; total, 35. Marriages—white 8. Funerals

white, 16. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 27; scholars, 180. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$1,142.45. Post Office—Alexandria.

#### AMELIA AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

*Grub Hill and Grace Churches, Raleigh and Genito Parishes.*

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 40; colored, 2; total, 42. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 14; total, 15. Confirmed—white, 3. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$200. Post Office—Winterham, Amelia county.

#### AMELIA COUNTY.

*Missionary Station at Paineville.*

Rev. JOHN M. CHEVERS, Missionary.

Communicants—added, white, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white, 7. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 10; scholars, 60; families, 32. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: the Domestic Missionary Society, \$1. Post Office—Jetersville, Amelia county.

REMARKS.—Nothing of particular interest since my last report. Our Sunday School is well attended, and it is the opinion of the best informed men in the community that an Episcopal Church may in a few years be built in Paineville. I myself am not so sanguine, but pray God that it may be so.

#### AMHERST COUNTY.

*Ascension, St. Matthew's, St. Mark's and St. Luke's Churches, Lexington Parish.*

Rev. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 35; removed, 7; died, 6; withdrawn, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white, 101. Baptisms—white adults, 9; white infants, 19; colored infants, 8; total, 36. Confirmed—white, 24. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 10. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8, scholars, 27; families, 62. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—contingent fund, foreign and domestic missions, \$38; Ev. K. Society, \$3; purchase

of lamps, &c., for churches, \$85; total, \$126. Post Office—Amherst C. H., Va.

REMARKS.—The affairs of this Parish, both temporal and spiritual, seem to be in a prospering condition. We thank God and take courage.

*Amherst County Mission.*

Rev. EDMUND CHRISTIAN reports that he has continued to officiate at Sardis and the Poor-House; that his congregations have been large and attentive at the former place, and at the latter he has had the privilege of imparting the riches and consolations of the Gospel to the sick, the afflicted and the dying, who would otherwise have been destitute of these privileges.

Marriages, 3; Funerals, 6.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Augusta Parish, Staunton.*

Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; removed, 11; died, 2; present number, white, 84; colored, 5; total 89. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 19; total, 21. Marriages—white, 11; colored, 7; total, 18. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 10; total, 18. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 17; scholars, 90; families, 70. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$389.25.

*Boyden Chapel.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—white, 10. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored infants, 2; total, 4. Marriages—colored, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$15. Post Office—Staunton.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

*St. Stephen's Church, Hammer Parish.*

Rev. RICH'D H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 54. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Funeral—white, 5. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$134 54½. Post Office—Forest Depot, Bedford county, Va.

*St. John's Church, Heber Parish.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2, from another parish; present number, white, 28. Baptisms—infants, white, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$500. Post Office—Big Island, Bedford county, Virginia.

REMARKS.—The congregation has supplied this church, during the last year, with a neat, fine-toned organ, at an expense of upwards of \$450. Rev. Jno. A. Wharton officiates very acceptably at this church about half his time.

*St. Thomas' Church, Russell Parish.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 18. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$30. Post Office—Big Island, Bedford county, Va.

REMARKS.—There are only a few families attached to the church here, and its growth, therefore, must necessarily be slow. But it is hoped time, patience and devoted labor will ultimately make an impression favorable to the church in the surrounding community. Rev. Jno. A. Wharton officiates here only about one-third of his time.

## BERKELEY COUNTY.

*Mt. Zion and Calvary Churches, Norborne Parish.*

Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 8. Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 4; withdrawn, 4; died, 2; present number, white, 62. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$39. Post Office, Martinsburg.

*Trinity Church, Martinsburg.*

Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Baptisms—infants, white, 7; colored, 2; total, 9. Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 42. Marriages—white, 8. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 11; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions

to cause of religion and church, about \$114. Post Office, Martinsburg.

My reports for this year indicate a considerable falling off. It would seem, then, we are going backwards and not forwards. I do not know that things with us are different from what they seem upon the face. We may, indeed, see only the worst; but I doubt it. The truth, awful as it is, is, we have been going backward. Where it will end I know not. I know my prayer, my prayer continually, is, that the Lord would revive His work. I doubt not but that He will in His own time.

Much seed has been sown. Religious truth has been scattered throughout the parish, by (it is no figure of speech) *myriads* of pages. That good will come of this, and the preaching of Christ's gospel, I stand in no more doubt than I do of my own existence. But as I have said, during the past year we have cause to mourn.

### BOTETOURT COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Woodville Parish.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; died, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 6. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, about 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$220 52. Post Office—Pattonsburg, Botetourt county, Va.

*St Mark's Church, Botetourt Parish.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3; removed, 6; present number—white, 30; colored, 2; total, 32. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored adults, 2; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 11; scholars, 50.

### BROOKE COUNTY.

*Christ's Church, Wellsburg Parish.*

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; suspended, 2; present number—white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 16; families, 9. Contingent fund, \$12, promised, which I will send to the Treasurer. Post Office—Wellsburg, Brooke county, Va.

*St. John's Church.*

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—white infants, 2; adult white, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white, 2. Post Office—Wellsburg.

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

*St. Andrew's, Wilkin's Chapel, and Trinity Churches, St. Andrew's Parish.*

Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 5; total, 7. Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; died, 2; present number—white, 43; colored, 18; total, 61. Confirmed—white, 6. Funerals—white, 4. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, about \$1600. This is inclusive of amount subscribed by the parish to the erection of a new church within the parish bounds, and the purchase of a parsonage. Post Office—Lawrenceville, Va.

The parish is now without a Rector, and has been indebted to the kindness of Rev. P. G. Robert, Meherrin Parish, Greenville, and Rev. T. M. Ambler, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie, for monthly services at two of the churches.

J. RAVENSCROFT JONES,

Secretary for Vestry, *St. Andrew's Parish.*

## BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; present number—white, 26; colored, 2; total, 28. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmed—white, 3. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$149 94. Post Office—Curdsville, Buckingham.

## CAROLINE COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Church, St. Mary's Parish.*

Rev. WM. FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 36. Baptisms—white infants, 6. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total 5. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$150. Post Office—Port Royall, Caroline county.

*St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, white, 80. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1. Families, 10. Contributions, \$34.

*Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish.*

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 3; present number, white, 15. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages—white, 2. Amount collected for Missions, \$24.79.

*Bowling Green Church.*

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; removed, 1; present number, white, 2.

The Rector resigned the charge of this church early in January last, and it is now without a pastor. W. S. ROYSTER, Sec'y.

## CAMPBELL COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.*

Rev. WILLIAM H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 15; died, 7; added, including those from other Parishes, 29; total, 170, of whom 4 are colored persons Baptisms—adults, 3; infants, 24; total, 27. Marriages—whites, 13; colored, 4; total, 17. Funerals, 22. Contributions:

|                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Education Society,                                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$185 00   |
| Diocesan Missions,                                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 00      |
| Foreign Missions,                                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 150 00     |
| Collection at the Convention for African Missions, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 406 00     |
|                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   | \$741 00   |
| Communion alms, about                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 800 00     |
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|                                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   | \$1,041 00 |

The Rector has the pleasure of reporting, that since the last Convention, the house heretofore occupied by him has been purchased and fitted up as a Parsonage. For this new evidence of the interest felt by his parishioners in his comfort, he desires here to record his grateful acknowledgments. In addition to the proper duties of his Parish, he has occasionally extended his labors to several destitute churches in the neighboring counties. He would earnestly invite the attention of young men, who are willing to do missionary work, to this section of the Di-

3. Both in this vicinity, and along the line of the Virginia and Annesee Railroad, there are numerous points where earnest and well-directed effort would result in an abundant harvest of good.

### CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

*Westover and St. Thomas' Churches, Westover Parish.*

Rev. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 44. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Families, 26. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$250. Post Office—Charles City C. H.

The above report is for a period of six months.

### CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

*Unity and Mannikintown Churches, Dale and King William Parishes.*

Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4; present number, white, 18; colored, 2; total, 20. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2; total, 4. Confirmed—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$92. Post Office—Winter Pock, Chesterfield county.

REMARKS.—As heretofore, the Rector officiates alternate Sundays, in the morning, at each of the Parish Churches, and in the afternoon at the Coal Pits, within the limits of the Parish. Owing to the transitory character of the people at these Pits, annually changing, we are in a great measure deprived of the visible evidence of the permanent effects of the services on them. But the better observance of the Sabbath, the improved appearance and condition of the people, their regular attendance and hearty response in the "house of prayer," are enough to satisfy us that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. And we trust that the annual dispersion of these laborers may be the means of extending more widely an abiding knowledge of the blessings of the Gospel, as well as the peculiar fitness of the church as the witness and keeper of Holy Writ, to interest and instruct alike the poor and the ignorant, the rich and the learned.

### CLARKE COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Clarke Parish.*

Rev. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; colored, 4; total, 17; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, white, 85; colored, 7; total, 92. Baptisms—



white adults, 2; white infants, 10; colored adults, 8; total, 15. Confirmed—white, 14; colored, 3; total, 17. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Funerals—white, 15; colored, 8; total, 18. Day Schools—Teachers, 15; scholars, 65; families, 56. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$500. Post Office—Berryville, Clarke county.

REMARKS.—Besides officiating every Sunday morning in Church, the Rector preaches alternately in the afternoon to the people in Berryville, and to a large and interesting white congregation on the Blue Ridge. A Sunday School, numbering about thirty scholars, is kept up at this latter place during the summer. Measures are in progress to rebuild Grace Church, in this Parish, on a greatly enlarged plan.

*Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Millwood.*

Rev. JOHN F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—white infants, 12; colored infants, 1; total, 13. Confirmed—white, 7. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Families, 45. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$100. Post Office—Millwood, Clarke county.

*Wickliffe Church, Wickliffe Parish.*

Rev. WM. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; present number, white, 22; colored, 2. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$196. Post Office, Kabletown, Jefferson county.

I took charge of this Parish in December last. I preach at Kabletown, in Jefferson county, once a fortnight, in the afternoon, to large congregations of colored people at Wickliffe every other Sunday at the same time of day. A valuable parsonage has been purchased recently by Wickliffe Parish.

CULPEPER COUNTY.

*St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish.*

Rev. JOHN GOLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; present number, 86. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 3. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Contributions, \$100. Post Office—Culpeper C. H.

*St. James' Church, St. Mark's Parish.*

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1. Contributions, \$146.07.

*St. Paul's Church, St. Mark's Parish.*

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; present number, 13. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Contributions, \$158.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Lyttleton Parish.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$181.31. Post Office—Curdsville, Buckingham.

*St. James' Church, Leighton Parish.*

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 14. Baptisms—white adults, 2. Confirmed—white, 3. Funerals—white, 3. Families, 9. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$250. Post Office—Columbia, Fluvanna county.

## DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

*Sapony and Calvary Churches, Bath Parish.*

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3; present number, white, 28; colored, 2; total, 30. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5; Confirmed—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$13. Post Office—Dinwiddie C. H.

REMARKS.—This Parish had been vacant for two years, when taken charge of by the present incumbent in October last. My colored congregations on Sunday afternoons are much larger than my white.

## ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish, Hampton.*

Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; died, 1; present number, white, 22. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmations—white, 8. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 8. Sunday School Teachers, 8; scholars, 35; families, 30. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church:

|                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
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| For African Missions,  | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ |
| For repairs to church, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| For Convention fund,   | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |

\$1

Post Office—Hampton, Elizabeth City county.

*Centurion Church, Old Point.*

Rev. M. L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 5; present number, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 6. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4; scholars, 24; families, 27. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$336, of which sum \$140 was contributed by the Ladies' Sewing Society to General Missions within the United States. Post Office—Old Point, Va.

## ESSEX COUNTY.

*St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, South Farnham Parish.*

Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 45. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 6. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 2; scholars, 62. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$189.58. Post Office—Miller's Tavern, Essex.

*Vawter's Church, St. Anne's Parish.*

Rev. E. B. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, white, 26; colored, 2; total, 28. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 2; colored infants, 1; total, 4. Confirmations—white, 2. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 5; total, 7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$58.77. Post Office—Loretto, Essex county.



*Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish.*

Rev. C. H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3, from another Parish; removed, present number, white, 29. Baptisms—white infants, 5. Confirmed (several waiting confirmation.) Funerals—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 8; scholars, 35; families, 13. Amount contributions to the cause of religion and the church, - \$79 1  
 Thirty-five dollars are contributed by the ladies of the congregation to the China Mission, - - - - - 35 0  
 Ten dollars by the children's Sewing Society to the same Mission, - - - - - 10 0  
\$124 00

Post Office—Piedmont Station, Fauquier county, Va.

## ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES.

*Christ Church, Fairfax Parish.*

Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 21; removed, 14; died, 4; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 124; colored, 7; total, 131. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 23; colored infants, 2; total, 27. Confirmed—white, 13. Marriages—white, 7, colored, 1; total 8. Funerals—white, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$1,050. Post Office—Alexandria.

## FLUVANNA COUNTY.

*St John's Church, Rivanna Parish.*

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 1; present number, 16. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Families, 12. Amount contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Post Office—Columbia, Fluvanna county.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY.

*Franklin Parish.*

Communicants—white, 12. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Funeral 1. Post Office—Rock Mount, Franklin county.

Rev. Anderson Wade resigned the charge of this Parish 1st of July 1853. Since that time, we have been without regular services. Rev. Mr. Wade has visited us twice, at one time burying an infant; and Rev.

George W. Dame of Danville once, preaching twice, administering the Holy Communion and baptizing an infant. We hope shortly to make an arrangement by which we shall have the services of Rev. Mr. Dame regularly once a month.

HUGH NELSON,  
*Register of the Vestry.*

### FREDERICK COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 4; died, 3; present number, white, 101; colored, 4; total, 105. Baptisms—white infants, 7. Confirmations—white, 7. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 105. Contributions, \$800,

*St. Thomas' Church, Middletown.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Number of white communicants, 10.

This church has been without a rector during the past year. I have commenced having a monthly service for the congregation until some other and better arrangement can be made. There are ten white communicants, who have all sent in their quota of the contingent fund.

### GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes.*

Rev. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; Removed, 8; died, 4; present number, 47. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Confirmed—whites, 4. Funerals, 6. Families, 40. Amount contributed to purposes of religion and the Church:

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|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Missions &c.,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ 180 00       |
| For repairs of Ware church, about | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1400 00         |
|                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | <hr/> \$1580 00 |

### GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

*Christ and Grace Churches, Meherrin Parish.*

Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; colored, 24; total, 32; removed, 1; present number, white 31; colored, 37; total, 68. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 7; colored adults, 7; colored infants, 8; total, 26. Confirmed—white, 11; colored, 20; total, 31. Marriages—

white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6. Families, 14. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$97 56. Post Office—Hicksford, Greenville county.

### HARRISON COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Clarksburg Parish.*

Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; present number, white, 16. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 3; total, 7. Sunday teachers, 4; scholars, 40; families 20. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$62 55. Post Office—Clarksburg, Harrison County.

REMARKS—In Fairmount, Marion county, where I preach once a month, the members of our communion have purchased a church and are fitting it up for our services. We have in that place 8 or 10 members. Since the last Convention, I baptised one adult, and admitted one to the communion.

### HENRY COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Patrick Parish.*

Rev. A. WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number, 10. Amount contributed, about \$60 00.

### HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Antrim Parish.*

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 18; removed, white, 1; colored 4; died, 2; present number, white 83; colored 21; total, 104. Baptisms—white adults, 7; white infants, 5; total, 12. Confirmed—white, 9. Marriages—white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals—white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. 2 Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 60; families, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, through my hands, \$1143 10½. Post Office—Halifax Court House.

*Roanoke Parish.*

Rev. JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, colored, 4; present number, white, 16; colored, 5; total, 21. Baptisms—colored adults, 2. Confirmed—Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 5; total, 8. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, about \$200 00. Post Office—Roanoke Depot Richmond and Danville R. R.

## HANOVER COUNTY.

*St. Martin's Parish.*

Rev. WILLIAM V. BOWERS.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 8; died, 2; present number, white 53. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$200 00. Post Office—Verdon, Hanover county.

REMARKS—The rector has a Bible class which meets every fortnight, and he has service for the servants on the evenings of Sunday.

*St. Paul's Church, Hanover Court House.*

Rev. JOHN COOK, officiating.

Communicants, 8; (registered in another parish.) Baptisms—infants, 2. Funerals, 2. Collected for charitable purposes, \$136 50.

I took charge of this congregation some eighteen months ago. It is yet small, owing to the sparseness of population, but with prospects of an ultimate increase. The church, which was unfinished, has been completed and handsomely painted, at an expense of some \$250 00. The congregation is yet not organised, but will probably be so before the meeting of another Convention.

## JAMES CITY COUNTY.

*Bruton Parish.*

Rev. G. T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; died, 1; removed, 10; total, 82. Baptisms—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Marriages—1. Confirmations—8. Funerals—3.

The present Rector entered on his duties in this parish the 1st of April.

## JACKSON COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish.*

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 10. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Sunday School—1; teachers, 7; families, 6. Contribution to Convention fund, \$10.

Services have been celebrated several times, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Holy Communion administered during the year, by the Rev. Dr. McCabe, of Wheeling, and Rev. Mr. Hyland, of Moundsville. We still continue to pray to the Great Head of the Church that he



would send us a Pastor to dwell in our midst, and to break to us the bread of life.

H. FITZHUGH, Sr. W.

# JEFFERSON COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, St. Andrew's Parish.*

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; present number, white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 6; total, 12. Marriages—colored, 2. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, about \$250. Post Office—Shepherdstown, Va.

## J. H. KEHLER'S REPORT.

Baptisms—infants, 2. Marriage—1. Funeral—1. Sunday School—1; teachers, 8; scholars, about 30.

In April, 1853, I took charge of the church at Harper's Ferry, preaching once in two weeks, and continued my services until February last. Since then, the church at Harper's Ferry has been without services, being unable to sustain a minister any longer. From January, 1853, to January last, I acted as Rev. Dr. Andrews' assistant in Shepherd's Town. Since then I have assisted in the services and preached at different times in Shepherd's Town. The balance of my time I devote to the churches at Sharpsburg and Antrim, Washington county, Maryland.

## *Zion Church, Charlestown.*

Rev. CHARLES E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 97; colored, 4; total, 101. Baptisms—white infants, 12. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Sunday Schools—teachers, 18; scholars, 130; average attendance of teachers, 15, and of scholars, 85. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$483 66. Post Office—Charlestown, Jefferson county.

REMARKS.—During the present spring the sum of \$2,000 has been subscribed for the purpose of paying a debt which has been hanging over the church for several years, since the erection of the present church edifice. In addition to this sum, several hundred dollars have been raised for the purpose of completing the building. The temporal

condition of the congregation is therefore better than it has been since the burning of our church several years ago. There is much also in the spiritual condition of the church to encourage the Rector and to give him reason to be thankful.

*Grace Church, Smithfield, and St. Bartholomew's Church, Norborne Parish.*

Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8; removed, 4; died, 4; withdrawn, 2; present number—white, 42; colored, 5; total, 47. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; colored infants, 1; total, 8. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 8. Sunday Schools—teachers, 1; scholars, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$163 02. Post Office—Middleway, Jefferson county.

#### KING GEORGE COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish.*

Rev. JOS. A. RUSSELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 11; died, 3; present number, white, 42. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 11; colored infants, 12; total, 24. Funerals—white, 10; colored, 3; total, 13. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 36; families, 27. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$378 22. Post Office—Hampstead.

*St. John's Church, Hanover Parish.*

Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 14. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$50. Post Office—Port Royal, Caroline county.

#### LANCASTER COUNTY.

*Grace, Christ, and White Chapel Churches, Christ Church Parish.*

Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; died, 1; present number, white, 13. Baptisms—white infants, 9. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Families—35. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church,

\$306 82. Candidate for the ministry, 1. Post Office—Lancaster H., Va.

REMARKS.—Our prospects are encouraging; congregations and our prayer is, for God's blessing. During the last sum preached several times in Dinwiddie, and, (in the absence of a pastor,) admitted one person to the Communion.

## LEWIS COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. JAS. J. PAGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number, 23. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 5; total, 6. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 25. Post Office—Weston, Lewis county, Va.

REMARKS.—I am happy to report that our church is now free debt. In the eastern cities I collected a sufficient sum to meet against the church, to amount of \$506. In addition, I purchased bell and Communion service.

## LOUDOUN COUNTY.

*St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish.*

Rev. GEO. ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5; removed, 3; present number, white, 77; colored, 3; total, 80. Baptisms—white infants, 6; colored infants, 2; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 1. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 6; colored, 2; total, 8. Sunday Schools—teachers, 13; scholars, 65; families, 65. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$400. Post Office—Leesburg, Loudoun county.

REMARKS.—The Rector of this Parish has nothing of interest to remark.

*Emanuel Church, John's Parish.*

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; died, 1; present number, 26. Baptisms—white adult, 1. Confirmed—white, 8. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—African M. S. \$66; Foreign and Domestic Missions, \$25; Diocesan Mission Bible Society, \$50; Colonization, \$25; Com. Off. \$38; total, \$179. Post Office—Middleburg, Loudoun county.

## LOUISA PARISH.

*St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish.*

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; present number, 17. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 2; total, 6. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 1. Amount of contributions for the cause of religion and the church, \$198 16. Post Office—Coburn Depot, Albemarle.

*Louisa Court House, Trinity Parish.*

Rev. JNO. COOKE, officiating.

Communicants—9. Baptisms—4 infants. Funerals—2.

During the past year, we have been very much inconvenienced here by the want of a place for public worship, being entirely dependent on the kindness of other denominations for our accommodation. We have, however, a neat and commodious church erected, in connection with the Methodist Society, in which we can assemble with comfort and convenience. The congregations are large and attentive, but "the word spoken does not seem to profit them." Not being able to visit here for the last two Sundays, I have made no collections from them for charitable purposes.

For the last year or two, I have officiated also once a month at a small Methodist meeting-house, in the vicinity of the old Allen's Creek Church, which was burnt some few years ago. The congregation here is small, but with the prospect of an increase in the course of time, as families giving our church the preference are all young and growing. I have baptized here one infant, and officiated at one funeral and two marriages. The only communicant here is registered in an adjoining parish.

## LUNENBURG COUNTY.

*St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish.*

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; died, 1; present number, 45. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 8; total, 9. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 4; scholars, 20; families, 24. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—from St. John's church, \$129; from St. Paul's church, \$2; total, \$131. Post Office—Macfarland's, Lunenburg County.

## MADISON COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish.*

Rev. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 15; colored, 2;  
 Marriages—white, 2. Sunday Schools—teacher, 1; sch  
 Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the chu  
 Post Office—Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

## MARSHALL COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Trinity Parish.*

Rev. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; present num  
 12. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 10;\* 1  
 Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Families, 8. Pos  
 Moundsville, Marshall county, Va.

REMARKS.—The church edifice is nearly finished. The cl  
 the Parish are instructed by the Rector every Sunday befo  
 service, in accordance with the provisions of the Rubrics and  
 There has not been any facilities heretofore for a regular Sunda  
 The condition of the parish, it is hoped, is better than at  
 Convention.

## MATHEWS COUNTY.

*Trinity Church, Kingston Parish.*

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7, (1 from another parish;)  
 present number, white, 12. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Co  
 white, 4. Marriages—colored, 2. Funerals—white, 3; col  
 total, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 42. Amou  
 tributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$56 6  
 Office—Urbanna, Va.

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

*St. Luke's, St. Timothy's, and the Old Churches, St. Luke's*

Communicants—died, 2; present number, white, 24; co  
 total, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 1; colored infants, 10; 1  
 Marriages—1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contribution  
 cause of religion and the church, \$34. Post Office—Boydte  
 lenburg county, Va.

\*In other cases at the request of the Rectors of the same.

MARKS.—The Rev. Mr. Chesley has resigned his charge of St. s and the Old Churches, and Rev. Mr. Locke can only render occasional service at Clarksville.

EDWARD TARRY, *Church Warden.*

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Christ Church Parish.*

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; present number, 7. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$89 65. Post Office—Urbanna, Va. Through the liberality of a gentleman of the above Parish, and he a communicant, the churches under the charge of the Rector have been enabled, for more than a year past, to sustain themselves without aid of the Diocesan Missionary Society. The same individual has died in the village of Urbanna, at his own cost, a neat and substantial building for the worship of God.

## NELSON COUNTY.

*Christ and Trinity Churches, Nelson Parish.*

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; present number, white, 1. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$162 64. Post Office—Tye River Warehouse.

## NORFOLK COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Norfolk City.*

Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector,

Communicants—added, white, 60; colored, 5; total, 74; removed, 11; present number, white, 484; colored, 36; total, 470. Baptisms—white adults, 9; white infants, 13; total, 22. Confirmed—white, 45; colored, 5; total, 50. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 23; colored, 2; total, 25. Sunday Schools—teachers, 47; scholars, 260; families, 174. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$4,111 27½, (\$40 of which are to be credited for the year preceding. Post Office—Norfolk, Va.

*St. Paul's Church, Norfolk City.*

Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 31; removed, 22; died 4; withdrawn 2; present number, white, 192; colored, 1; total, 193. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 24; colored infants, 1; total, 29. Confirmed—white, 18. Marriages—white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Funerals—white, 15. Sunday Schools—teachers, 30; scholars, 180; families, 105. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$515.

*Trinity Church, Portsmouth Parish.*

Rev. J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 61; colored, 1; total, 62. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 18; colored infants, 4; total, 25. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 65; families, 54. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$137. Post Office—Portsmouth, Va.

REMARKS.—Among those buried was our aged brother, Rev. Jacob Keeling, of Suffolk, after a long service in the ministry of more than 50 years. Through the laudable exertions of the ladies, the roof of the church has been slated.

*St. John's Church, Portsmouth Parish.*

Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 2; died, 1; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white, 52. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 9; total, 10. Confirmed—white, 5. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals—white, 9. Sunday School—teachers, 12; scholars, 60. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, \$10; African Mission, \$50; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$20; American Tract Society, for Colportage in Virginia, \$25; Contingent Fund, \$52; other Church Offerings, \$130; total, \$287. Post Office—Portsmouth, Va.

REMARKS.—There are, to the Rector's mind, hopeful indications of an increased religious interest in this congregation. He deems it appropriate, here, to make grateful allusion to the kindness and affection manifested toward himself personally, by his parishioners.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

*Hungar's Parish.*

Rev. JAMES RAWSON, Rector.

Baptisms—white infants, 5; colored infants, 5; total, 10. Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 56. Confirmed—8. Funerals—7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—Missions, \$38; Virginia Bible Society, \$75; Education Society, \$23 65; total, \$136 65.

Through the munificence of a venerable friend of the church, John Eyre, Esq., a beautiful and commodious parsonage has been erected in this parish, at a cost of \$3000, to which must be added \$600, the cost of the site. The spiritual condition of the parish is encouraging; we are blessed with great harmony and peace, and are hoping and praying for enlarged and continued victories to the cause of Christ.

## OHIO COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, St John's Parish.*

Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 19; removed, 7; died, 1; present number, white, 74. Baptisms—white infants, 20. Confirmed—white, 6. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 11. Sunday Schools—1; teachers, 14; scholars, 80. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$373 31.

REMARKS.—The condition of the parish is encouraging; the congregation is active in good works, and liberal in the support of all enterprises for the promotion of the principles of the Gospel in the Church. During the present year, a parsonage will be erected for the Rector, at a cost of between \$2500 and \$3000.

## ORANGE COUNTY.

*St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 3; total, 6. Communicants—added, white, 11, (4 by removal into the parish;) removed, 4; died, 1; total, white, 71. Confirmed—white, 9. Marriages—white, 10; colored, 1; total, 11. Funerals—white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Families, 44. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church—\$191 91.

REMARKS.—Of the marriages above reported, two were celebrated in Bloomfield Parish, Madison county.



## PETERSBURG.

*St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish.*

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 24; removed, 4; died, 8; 6; present number, white, 191; colored, 7; total, 198. white adults, 5; white infants, 6; total, 11. Confirmed—Marriages—white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Funerals—white day Schools—teachers, 12; scholars, 100; families, 80. contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$14, Office—Petersburg.

REMARKS.—Of the amount contributed as above, about \$ be appropriated towards the erection of a much more church edifice, in place of the one destroyed by fire in Febr

*Grace Church.*

Rev. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 39; colored, 2; total, 41 7; died, 2; withdrawn, 5; present number, white, 157; total, 161. Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 36; fants, 2; total, 43. Confirmed—white, 37; colored, 1; Marriages—white, 29; colored, 11; total, 40. Funerals—colored, 2; total, 39. Sunday Schools—teachers, 23; sch families, 45. Amount of contributions to the cause of relig church, \$510.

REMARKS.—The Rector is thankful to be able to repo increase of temporal and spiritual prosperity.

## PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*Epiphany and Emanuel Churches, Camden Pari*

Rev. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7; 1 died, 2; present number, white, 41; colored, 4; total, 45. white adult, 1; white infants, 20; total, 21. • Confirmed Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 4. Families—38. contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$9 Office—Danville.

## POWHATAN COUNTY.

*St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish.*

Rev. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adult, 1. Communicants—added, wl moved, 2; present number, white, 23. Confirmed—white

—white, 1. Marriages—white, 3. Contributions—\$104. Post  
ce—Sublett's Tavern.

*Emanuel Church, St. James, Southam Parish.*

Rev. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Baptisms—white adults, 2. Communicants—added, white, 6; re-  
moved, 2; present number, white, 16; colored, 1; total, 17. Con-  
firmed—white, 6. Contributions—\$34.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

*Reason and Merchants' Hope Churches, Martin's, Brandon Parish.*

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 13; died, 1; present  
number, white, 43; colored, 2; total, 45. Baptisms—white infants,  
colored infants, 2; total, 9. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals—  
total, 7. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the  
church, \$298 27. Post Office—Garysville, Prince George county, Va.  
REMARKS.—Merchants' Hope Church is undergoing extensive re-  
pairs, and will probably be ready for Divine service by the last of June.  
Several subscriptions have also been raised.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

*Dettingen Parish, St. James' Church, Brentsville.*

Rev. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 23.  
Marriages—4. Funerals—6.

*Leeds Parish, St. Paul's, Haymarket.*

Rev. J. TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 32. Mar-  
riages—1. Baptisms—white infant, 1.

RICHMOND CITY.

*St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish.*

Rev. ALEXANDER JONES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 16; removed, 10; died, 4; suspended,  
present number, white, 228; colored, 1; total, 229. Baptisms—  
white adults, 1; white infants, 35; total, 86. Confirmed—white, 10.  
Marriages—white, 7. Funerals—white, 20. Sunday Schools—Teach-  
ers, 17; scholars, 106. Amount of contributions to the cause of re-  
ligion and the church, \$4,431.91. Post Office—Richmond.

*St. James' Church, Henrico Parish.*

Rev. GEORGE D. CUMMINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 68; removed, 30; died, 1; present number, white, 194; colored, 1; total, 195. Baptisms—white adults, 6; white infants, 23; total, 29. Confirmed—white, 42. Marriages—white, 4. Funerals—white, 7. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 26; scholars, 180; families, 120. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, since October, 1853, \$1,602.99, viz: Missions, \$426.50; Communion alms, \$198.49; American Bible Society, \$222.50; American Tract Society, \$80; Virginia Colonization Society, \$181.91; E. K. S., \$106.44; Convention, \$194; Miscellaneous, \$193.15. Post Office—Richmond.

REMARKS.—The colored Sunday School in connection with this church continues in a very prosperous condition.

*Monumental Church, Henrico Parish.*

Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 171; added, 34; removed, 13; died, 2; present number, 190. Baptisms—adults, 4; infants, 22; total, 26. Confirmed, 17. Marriages—white 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Funerals—white, 15; colored, 2; total, 17. Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$958.

*St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.*

Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 67; colored, 1; total, 68. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 6; colored infants, 1; total, 8. Confirmed—white, 11. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 12; scholars, 72; families, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: Virginia Bible Society, collection \$30, donation by a lady \$20; Ev. Knowledge Society, \$13; Missions, Diocesan \$28, African \$25; Texas \$2.50; Va. Colonization Society, donation by a lady, \$300; Tract Society, \$25; total, \$443.50.

In addition to the above, there have passed through my hands, in donations from the congregation, of various sums, amounting to one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which have been applied as requested by the benevolent donors. There has also been raised the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, the most of which has been expended in the purchase and construction of a furnace for the more comfortable warming of the Church.

ious prospects of the Parish are encouraging. We rejoice in the favorable symptoms of good evinced in the increase of the number of our public and more social services, and in the recent additions of teachers and scholars in our Sunday School.

RICHMOND, May, 17, 1854.

*and Dear Sir:* As you have been before apprised, I resign the charge of St. George's Parish, Accomac, in June last, and in invitation to become Vice Rector of the "Hall of St. James" a church school near Philadelphia.

At the close of the session, domestic considerations (known to you) have led me to dissolve my connection with that institution, and remove therefrom.

With the hearty approval of the resident clergy, I am laying out a plan of Missionary operations, which, though begun in weakness, I trust will be overruled, in due season, to the glory of God and the benefit of his church.

I have had a flourishing Sunday School in operation for some time, with a admirable corps of teachers; and have purchased an eligible lot of Missionary ground, with the intention of erecting an unpresumptuous chapel thereon, without delay, as a centre of operations.

The expenditures thus incurred, I have deemed myself justifying a Classical and English School in the city, the success of which, I trust, has exceeded my expectations, and warrants the hope of a successful accomplishment of my plans. This latter engagement will account for my absence from this present session of Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AMBLER WEED.

Wm. Meade, D. D.

## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

### *Bloomfield Parish.*

Rev. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, 6. Baptisms—white infants, 1. —Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

Remarks.—The Rector would state, in explanation of there being no contributions to objects of benevolence, that he has not called for any, but believes, from the liberality manifested in all other church arrangements, they will ever be ready to give, when so-called in behalf of objects of benevolence.

## RICHMOND COUNTY.

*Lunenburg Parish.*

With unfeigned regret it is reported that this Parish, in connection with Farnham, is still without a pastor. For years past, this calamity has oppressed the spirits of those among us attached to our community and now we appeal to the functionaries of the church to "save us, or perish" as a distinct organization. In these two Parishes we number some twenty-five communicants, in the same number of families interested in the church. Without pastoral influences, we necessarily become too indifferent to the claims of the church; hence the *delinquencies* which we have been charged for some years. There can be no doubt that a pastor would be generously supported by these Parishes. In tending to this object, a comfortable Rectory has been provided. It is a mourn to see houses dedicated to the worship of Almighty God closed on Sabbath after Sabbath, the year through, and only opened when a good brother, Rev. E. Withers, whose labors of love merit our warm gratitude, has been enabled to officiate for us. God grant us a pastor to meet for His work. For Lunenburg Parish, the amount collected for the contingent fund this year is \$8 50.

FRAS. W. PENDLETON, *Lay Delegate.*

*Farnham Parish.*

Being without a Minister, the Wardens present to the Convention the following brief report:

During the past Conventional year, our venerable old church has been closed, except on two occasions, when the Rev. E. Withers preached for us. During this time, however, active efforts have been made, in conjunction with Lunenburg Parish, to procure a pastor for the two churches, which we regret to say have proved unavailing. We offer to the clergy a field of no little importance; one in which a faithful pastor may accomplish much.

Communicants, 8. Marriages, 2. Amount collected for the Contingent fund \$5.

R. G. MONTGOMERY, }  
CHAS. W. SMITH, } *Wardens.*

## ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

*Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Lexington.*

Rev. W. N. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; removed, 8; died, 1; present number, white, 46. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total,

Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 9; scholars, 35; families, 25. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church: Publications of E. K. Society, \$16; Communion alms, \$40; Church debt, \$144; first payment on parsonage, \$1,000; total, \$1,200. Post Office—Lexington.

REMARKS.—The present Rector took charge of the Parish in October last, mainly influenced by his interest in the young men at the Virginia Military Institute, assembled from all parts of the State. Their presence at this point renders the Parish important very far beyond its proportional strength and promise. On invitation from Cadets of different denominations—an invitation extended to the other Christian ministry of the town—the Rector holds service twice a week at the Institute, at which there is an attendance entirely voluntary averaging about 20. In addition to this important feature in the Parish, the energy exhibited in its establishment and progress is remarkable. Organized but a few years since, and in a region notorious for anti-Episcopal prejudice, it has gone steadily onward in strength and influence; and although still sustained by comparatively few, and those far from wealthy, it has not only liberated from debt its handsome and commodious church, but has provided for its Rector, and within six months one-fourth paid for, one of the best parsonages in the State. Such energy, animated, it is trusted, by the best spirit, may surely expect encouragement and assistance from the favored friends of Christ and His church in other places.

#### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Rockingham Parish.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 13. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored infants, 2; total, 4. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$15. Post Office—Staunton, Va.

#### ROANOKE COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Salem Parish.*

Communicants—added, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21; died, 1; present number, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages,—white, 1. Funerals—white, 4. Families, 14. \* Post Office—Big Lick.

#### SURRY COUNTY.

*Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish.*

Rev. JNO. C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8, (6 of whom were reported to the last Convention as awaiting confirmation;) died, 2; present number,

25. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Families—11. Confirmed—8. Marriages—1. Funerals—4. Amount collected for Convention fund, \$19.

REMARKS.—It gives me pleasure to state, that the friends of the Lower Surry Church held a meeting on Saturday, 20th of May, and appointed a committee to contract for the building of a new church edifice, near the old ruins in which we have been worshipping for the last seven years. This measure was found necessary, from the fact that our little communion in that portion of the county having been trying to obtain peaceable possession of the old church unsuccessfully so long, and finding it necessary to have some house of their own, determined to erect one at once, trusting to God and the friends of the church for power and aid in accomplishing this result.

### SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 11. Marriages—white, 2. Contributions—very small. Families—4.

*Christ Church, St. George's Parish.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, from other parishes, 1; present number, white, 19; colored, 2; total, 21. Marriages—white, 1. Contributions—about \$15. Families—9.

### STAFFORD COUNTY.

*Aquia Church, Overharton Parish.*

Being still without a minister, the wardens present to the Convention the following report:

Since our last report to the Convention of 1853, Aquia church, in this parish, which was then reported as undergoing repairs, has been thoroughly repaired, at an expense of between \$1500 and \$2000, and is now one of the largest, handsomest and most commodious churches in the Diocese. This church, which was originally erected in 1751, is now the only Episcopal church in this county. For twenty years or more, it has been unoccupied; within the last five or six years, however, owing to the increase in the number of Episcopal families, by removals into this parish, the want of a place of worship agreeable to their preferences naturally suggested itself, and this venerable old church was selected as the most suitable point, both on account of position and

the sacred reminiscences by which it was surrounded. We immediately went to work, and soon succeeded in raising the necessary amount, and completed the repairs during the last summer, in a neat and comfortable manner. We manifest the interest which we feel, when we report to the Convention, that we have, at quite a burthensome expense, provided a place of worship, and we are further willing and prepared to make provision for the adequate maintenance of a minister of the Word and sacraments, if one suitable can be procured.

J. C. MONCURE, Church Warden.

### WHEELING.

*St. Matthew's Parish.*

Rev. WM. ARMSTRONG, Rector.

The condition of this parish is encouraging. It has enjoyed, since January, the efficient and very acceptable services of an assistant, in the person of the Rev. E. T. Perkins, late Rector of Trinity Church, Parkersburg.

Deaths—14; 5 of which were communicants. Marriages—10. Baptisms—infants, 20; adults, 4; total, 24. Communicants—removed, 4; present number, white, 112; colored, 1; total, 113.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

*St. Thomas Church, Abingdon, Holston Parish.*

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Convention that he entered upon the charge of this parish on the 3d of November last; and his report, accordingly, includes the period of little more than six months. The condition of the parish is such as to afford the greatest encouragement, and, under God, promises considerable growth and improvement. The state of the parish and the official acts of the undersigned, are as follows:

Baptisms—2 white infants. Number of families in connection with the parish—10. Number of communicants found in the parish—10; added—6; total, 16. Sunday School—teachers, 7; scholars, 22. Communion offerings—about \$30. Amount raised for an organ, and other purposes of improvement—\$650.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY T. LEE, Rector.

### WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish.*

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; present number, white, 17. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 5; total, 9. Marriages—



white, 2. Funerals—white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 30; families, 15. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$378 80. Post Office—Oak Grove.

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## SYNOPSIS FOR 1854.

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| Communicants—Added                                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 916         |
| “ Died                                                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 144         |
| “ Suspended                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8           |
| “ Removed and withdrawn                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | 386         |
| Nett gain,                                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 386         |
| Whole number of communicants, as far as reported       | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6055        |
| Baptisms— { White adults, 170 } Total                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 197         |
| { Colored adults, 27 }                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| Baptisms— { White infants, 701 } Total                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 805         |
| { Colored infants, 104 }                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| Confirmations                                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 519         |
| Marriages— { White 248 } Total                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | 330         |
| { Colored 82 }                                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| Funerals— { White 545 } Total                          | - | - | - | - | - | - | 626         |
| { Colored 81 }                                         |   |   |   |   |   |   |             |
| Families,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,416       |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | 580         |
| Scholars,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,306       |
| Contributions to the cause of religion and the church, |   |   |   |   |   |   | \$38,505 79 |

## APPENDIX No. II.

*of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

|       |                                                                                                                   | Cr.         |
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| 13.   |                                                                                                                   |             |
| y 14. | By balance on hand reported to the Convention,                                                                    | \$934 79    |
| 16.   | " cash from Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, per<br>Rev. W. C. Meredith and Rev. P. F. Berkeley,                     | 10 00       |
|       | " cash from Raleigh and Genito Parish, per Rev.<br>P. F. Berkeley, - - - - -                                      | 8 00        |
|       | " Roanoke Parish, Halifax, per Rev. J. T. Clarke,                                                                 | 20 00       |
| 25.   | " receipts at Convention per Rev. F. M. Whittle,<br>as follows, viz :                                             |             |
|       | Martin's, Brandon Parish, additional, \$12 00                                                                     |             |
|       | St. Peter's, New Kent, - - - - -                                                                                  | 5 00        |
|       | Christ Church, Alexandria, - - - - -                                                                              | 50 00       |
|       | Mrs. Eunna Breckenridge, Botetourt<br>Parish, - - - - -                                                           | 7 50        |
|       | Capt. Breckenridge, Botet't Parish, - - - - -                                                                     | 5 00        |
|       | Trinity Church, Buchanan, - - - - -                                                                               | 5 00        |
|       | St. James' Church, Mecklenburg, of<br>Mrs. Henry E. Coleman, - - - - -                                            | 20 00       |
|       | Christ Church, Lancaster, per Rev.<br>E. Withers, viz: Mrs. Anne Bell,<br>\$5; Mrs. James Kelly, \$5, - - - - -   | 10 00       |
|       | St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, - - - - -                                                                           | 44 32       |
|       | Centurion Church, Old Point, per<br>Rev. J. C. McCabe, - - - - -                                                  | 15 00       |
|       | Mrs. A. S. Fitzhugh, Pr. Wm. county, 1 00—                                                                        | 174 82      |
|       | " cash of Bp. Johns, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq., - - - - -                                                           | 5 00        |
| 31.   | " Dale Parish, per Rev. A. B. Tizzard, - - - - -                                                                  | 10 00       |
|       | " collections in St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling,<br>during the Convention, per Rev. Wm. Arm-<br>strong, - - - - - | 150 00      |
|       | " Members of Meherrin Parish, per Rev. J. P.<br>Robert, - - - - -                                                 | 5 00        |
|       | " cash of Bishop Johns for collections by him, as<br>follows, viz :                                               |             |
|       | St. John's Church, Portsmouth, - - - - -                                                                          | 13 34       |
|       | Trinity Church, " - - - - -                                                                                       | 25 00       |
|       | St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, - - - - -                                                                             | 50 00       |
|       | Charleston, Kanawha, - - - - -                                                                                    | 21 00       |
|       | St. Luke's, Salem, - - - - -                                                                                      | 9 00        |
|       | Wellsburg, Brooke county, - - - - -                                                                               | 7 11—125 95 |
|       | Amount carried forward, - - - - -                                                                                 | \$1,443 56  |

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| 1853.     | Amount brought forward,                                                                                                                                 | - | \$1,443 | 5  |
| June 9.   | By cash of the Missionary Society of the P. E. Theo. Seminary of Virginia, per E. M. Rodman, Esq., Treasurer,                                           | - | 55      | 1  |
| " 11.     | " cash of Rev. G. S. Carraway, from the churches under his charge,                                                                                      | - | 18      | 0  |
| " 15.     | " cash from St. Ann's Parish, Essex county, per Rev. E. B. McGuire,                                                                                     | - | 12      | 5  |
| " 21.     | " Leeds Church, Fauquier, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,                                                                                                     | - | 60      | 0  |
|           | " Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,                                                                                              | - | 5       | 0  |
| " 25.     | " Mt. Zion, Church, Hedgesville, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,                                                                                            | - | 5       | 0  |
|           | " St. John's Church, Wheeling, through Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, being specifically appropriated for the support of missionaries in Northwestern Virginia, | - | 95      | 0  |
| July 5.   | " St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                                                                          | - | 17      | 0  |
| " 18.     | " from Christ Church, Alexandria, through Bishop Johns,                                                                                                 | - | 50      | 0  |
| " 22.     | " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq., collected by Bp. Johns 17th inst.,                                                           | - | 72      | 0  |
| Aug. 3.   | " Christ Church, Charlottesville, per Eugene Davis, collected by Bishop Johns,                                                                          | - | 61      | 2  |
| " 7.      | " cash from "A member of St. Paul's Church," Alexandria, per James Entwisle, Esq.,                                                                      | - | 10      | 00 |
| " 31.     | " cash "from a friend" at Kanawha C. H.,                                                                                                                | - | 10      | 00 |
|           | " cash from Grace Church, Berryville, per Rev. F. M. Whittle and Maj. Ellis,                                                                            | - | 6       | 50 |
| " 17.     | " cash from the ladies of Trinity Church, Portsmouth, per Rev. J. H. Wingfield,                                                                         | - | 15      | 00 |
| Aug. 17.  | " cash from friends in Powhatan, per Capt. Nelson,                                                                                                      | - | 6       | 56 |
| Sept. 21. | " cash from Bishop Johns for his collections, as follows, viz:                                                                                          |   |         |    |
|           | Grub Hill, Amelia, and Grace, Powhatan,                                                                                                                 | - | 15      | 65 |
|           | Trinity, Chesterfield,                                                                                                                                  | - | 14      | 00 |
|           | Immanuel, Powhatan,                                                                                                                                     | - | 6       | 38 |
|           | Columbia, Fluvanna,                                                                                                                                     | - | 25      | 80 |
|           | Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,                                                                                                                      | - | 14      | 39 |
|           | St. John's, Louisa,                                                                                                                                     | - | 19      | 22 |
|           | Walker's, Albemarle,                                                                                                                                    | - | 9       | 82 |
|           | Orange C. H.,                                                                                                                                           | - | 20      | 05 |
|           | St. James', Culpeper,                                                                                                                                   | - | 23      | 10 |
|           | St. Paul's,                                                                                                                                             | - | 12      | 00 |
|           | Amount carried forward,                                                                                                                                 | - | \$1,942 | 4  |

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| 3.  | Amount brought forward,                                                                          | -     | \$1,942 47 |
|     | St. Stephen's, "                                                                                 | 14 00 |            |
|     | St. James', Warrenton,                                                                           | 80 00 |            |
|     | Immanuel, Loudoun,                                                                               | 27 00 |            |
|     |                                                                                                  | <hr/> | 281 41     |
|     | By cash received—                                                                                |       |            |
| 28. | " of Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, for Trinity Church, Martinsburg, and Mt. Zion, Hedgesville,         | -     | 15 00      |
| 1.  | " from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                              | -     | 14 16      |
|     | " interest on trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                                | -     | 14 00      |
| 10. | " half of quarterly collection from St. James' Church, Richmond, per F. Bransford, Esq.,         | -     | 64 50      |
| 19. | " of Mrs. Mary Slaughter, of Campbell county, per Rev. W. H. Kinckle,                            | -     | 5 00       |
|     | " of Mr. Robt. C. Saunders, of Lynchburg, per Rev. W. H. Kinckle,                                | -     | 2 50       |
| 3.  | " from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,                                        | -     | 150 00     |
| 9.  | " from Powhatan Parish, St. Luke's Church, per Rev. Andrew Fisher, for Bishop Johns' collection, | -     | 88 00      |
| 14. | " from Bishop Johns, for the following collections, viz:                                         |       |            |
|     | Merchant's Hope, P. G.,                                                                          | 24 00 |            |
|     | Contribution of Mr. E. Ruffin,                                                                   | 10 00 |            |
|     | " of Dr. Osborne,                                                                                | 5 00  |            |
|     | " of W. G. Harrison,                                                                             | 5 00  |            |
|     | " of C. M.,                                                                                      | 10 00 |            |
|     | Collection at Smithfield,                                                                        | 9 66  |            |
|     |                                                                                                  | <hr/> | 63 66      |
| 26. | " from Mrs. Ann Toler, for St. Paul's, King George,                                              | -     | 7 75       |
| 28. | " from Rev. Thomas E. Locke, for the following contributions:                                    |       |            |
|     | Mrs. Ann S. Neblett, Lunenburg,                                                                  | 20 00 |            |
|     | Mrs. Martha Finch, of Clarksville,                                                               | 1 00  |            |
|     |                                                                                                  | <hr/> | 21 00      |
| 54. |                                                                                                  |       |            |
| 7.  | " from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, per Rev. J. H. Wingfield,                                     | -     | 2 00       |
| 14. | " refunded by Rev. J. A. Weed, one quarter overpaid,                                             | -     | 87 50      |
| 16. | " from Hungar's Parish, per W. G. Smith,                                                         | -     | 15 00      |
| 81. | " " St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                 | -     | 22 10      |
|     | " from interest on trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                           | -     | 14 00      |
|     |                                                                                                  | <hr/> |            |
|     | Amount carried forward,                                                                          | -     | \$2,660 05 |

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| 1853.                     | Amount brought forward,                                                                                                  | \$2,660 05        |
|                           | By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond, half of a quarterly collection for missions, 8th inst.,                        | 53 00             |
| Feb. 9.                   | " from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,                                                                | 100 00            |
|                           | " from missionary box of children in Culpeper and Fauquier counties, by hands of Rev. Dr. May,                           | 12 50             |
| " 13.                     | " from St. James' Church, Leesburg, per Rev. George Adie,                                                                | 25 00             |
|                           | " from Rev. E. Withers, viz: contributions of Col. John Chewning, of Lancaster C. H., \$5; Mr. A. H. Currie, of " " \$5, | 10 00             |
| " 20.                     | " from St. Paul's Church, King George county, per Rev. J. A. Russell,                                                    | 7 00              |
| " 21.                     | " from Ladies' Sewing Society of Church of Epiphany, Danville, per Rev. George W. Dame,                                  | 10 00             |
| Mar. 21.                  | " from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq.,                                                             | 88 42             |
| " 22.                     | " from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,                                                          | 15 00             |
| " 25.                     | " from Rev. F. M. Baker, of Pattonsburg,                                                                                 | 10 00             |
|                           | " from John W. Jones, per Rev. F. M. Baker,                                                                              | 5 00              |
| " 27.                     | " from Monumental Church, Richmond,                                                                                      | 40 76             |
| April 8.                  | " from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                                      | 25 00             |
| " 10.                     | " St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per J. Entwisle, Esq.,                                                                  | 107 42            |
|                           | " from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Sunday School scholars, per do.,                                                   | 37 15             |
| " 20.                     | " from Mrs. Judge Cabell, by Rev. Mr. Goodwin,                                                                           | 5 00              |
| " 26.                     | " from Grace Church, Petersburg, per Rev. C. J. Gibson,                                                                  | 40 00             |
| " 27.                     | " from Mrs. Douthat, of Wyanoke, per Rev. N. Okeson,                                                                     | 5 00              |
| May 1.                    | " from St. John's, Richmond, half collection for missions,                                                               | 28 00             |
| " 11.                     | " from Christ Church, Norfolk, per Tazewell Taylor, Esq.,                                                                | 100 00            |
| " 12.                     | " from Centurion Church, Old Point, per Rev. J. M. Chevers,                                                              | 20 00             |
| " 13.                     | " from Dr. Claggett, of Leesburg, per Bp. Johns,                                                                         | 30 00             |
|                           | " from Wm. Stevens, Esq., of Lexington,                                                                                  | 10 00             |
|                           |                                                                                                                          | <u>\$3,444 30</u> |
| May 13.                   | By balance on hand,                                                                                                      | \$1,451 45        |
| JOHN L. BACON, Treasurer. |                                                                                                                          |                   |

= *Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

|     |                  |          |                                  | Dr.        |
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| 3.  |                  |          |                                  |            |
| 10. | To cash          | paid     | Rev. J. A. Weed, for six months, | \$75 00    |
| 30. | "                | "        | " S. D. Tompkins,                | 25 00      |
| 16. | "                | "        | " J. C. McCabe's draft,          | 48 75      |
| 18. | "                | "        | " L. Walke,                      | 50 00      |
| 3.  | "                | "        | discount on uncurrent money,     | 85         |
| 9.  | "                | remitted | Rev. S. R. Slack,                | 100 00     |
|     | "                | "        | " W. L. Hyland,                  | 50 00      |
| 17. | "                | paid     | " S. D. Tompkins' draft,         | 25 00      |
| 26. | "                | "        | " J. C. Wheat's draft,           | 95 00      |
| 4.  | "                | "        | " J. C. McCabe,                  | 23 75      |
| 21. | "                | remitted | " R. A. Castleman,               | 155 00     |
| 10. | "                | paid     | " A. B. Tizard,                  | 47 50      |
| 13. | "                | "        | " W. L. Hyland's draft,          | 25 00      |
| 18. | "                | remitted | " J. J. Page,                    | 80 00      |
| 31. | "                | paid     | " Henry Wall,                    | 60 00      |
| 8.  | "                | "        | " Lewis Walke,                   | 100 00     |
|     | "                | "        | " J. C. McCabe,                  | 50 00      |
| 11. | "                | "        | " W. N. Pendleton,               | 75 00      |
| 12. | "                | "        | " J. M. Chevers,                 | 100 00     |
| 54. |                  |          |                                  |            |
| 16. | "                | "        | " Henry Wall,                    | 50 00      |
| 23. | "                | "        | " W. L. Hyland,                  | 20 00      |
| 27. | "                | "        | " J. J. Page,                    | 22 57      |
| 28. | "                | "        | " G. Woodbridge, to pay for      |            |
|     |                  |          | tracts,                          | 10 00      |
| 30. | "                | "        | " W. N. Pendleton,               | 69 05      |
| 31. | "                | "        | " J. J. Page,                    | 54 43      |
| 24. | "                | "        | " Dr. Carmichael,                | 75 00      |
| 9.  | "                | "        | " J. M. Chevers,                 | 100 00     |
| 11. | "                | "        | " R. A. Castleman,               | 60 00      |
| 24. | "                | "        | " J. C. McCabe,                  | 75 00      |
| 17. | "                | "        | " Dr. Carmichael,                | 75 00      |
| 28. | "                | "        | " J. C. McCabe,                  | 25 00      |
| 4.  | "                | "        | " Thos. M. Ambler,               | 100 00     |
| 6.  | "                | "        | " W. N. Pendleton,               | 43 45      |
|     | "                | "        | " J. J. Page to W. J. Smith,     | 20 00      |
|     | "                | "        | " " to D. Walsh,                 | 8 00       |
| 13. | Balance on hand, |          |                                  | 1,451 45   |
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|     |                  |          |                                  | \$3,444 30 |

## APPENDIX No. III.

WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer, in account with*

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| May 21.   | To cash received from Thomas H. Claggett,<br>Treasurer <i>pro tem.</i> | \$4353 40 |           |
|           | Less counterfeit note, herewith returned,                              | 20 00     | \$4333 40 |
| " 24.     | To cash received from—                                                 |           |           |
|           | Ascension Church, Amherst C. H., and St. Mark's,                       | 51 88     |           |
|           | Grace Church, Caroline,                                                | 16 00     |           |
|           | St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper,                                        | 31 00     |           |
|           | St. Paul's Church, "                                                   | 10 00     |           |
| " 27.     | Nelson Parish, Nelson,                                                 | 27 00     |           |
| " 28.     | St. Paul's Church, Alexandria,                                         | 155 00    |           |
| June 1.   | St. John's Church, Henrico,                                            | 64 00     |           |
|           | Camden Parish, Danville,                                               | 25 00     |           |
|           | St. George's Parish, Accomac,                                          | 12 00     |           |
| " 6.      | Heber Parish, Bedford,                                                 | 26 00     |           |
|           | Russell Parish, Bedford,                                               | 15 00     |           |
| " 7.      | St. John's Church, Roanoke,                                            | 26 00     |           |
|           | St. James' Church, Culpeper,                                           | 26 00     |           |
| " 9.      | Churches in Orange and Madison,                                        | 86 00     |           |
|           | Meherrin Parish,                                                       | 3 00      |           |
| " 11.     | Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,                                           | 5 00      |           |
|           | Grace Church, Petersburg,                                              | 8 00      |           |
|           | Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,                                                | 1 00      |           |
| " 15.     | St. Anne's Parish, Essex,                                              | 25 00     |           |
| " 30.     | Rev. Wm. Norwood, for Church, Hanover,                                 | 23 00     |           |
| July 20.  | Leeds Parish,                                                          | 22 00     |           |
| Sept. 27. | Fredericksville Parish, Albemarle,                                     | 5 25      |           |
| 1854.     |                                                                        |           |           |
| May 13.   | To balance due Treasurer,                                              | 3 95      |           |

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*Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Virginia.*

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| balance due Treasurer, May 12, as per account,       | \$426 33 |           |
| cash paid, as per sundry vouchers, viz :             |          |           |
| James Hampson, May, 21st, Voucher, No. 1,            | 10 00    |           |
| Bishop Meade, on account salary, viz :               |          |           |
| June 7th, Voucher No. 2,                             | 78 00    |           |
| “ 15th, “ “ 3,                                       | 500 00   |           |
| “ 22d, “ “ 5,                                        | 250 00   |           |
| “ 27th, “ “ 6,                                       | 122 00   |           |
| Sept. 30th, “ “ 10,                                  | 50 00    |           |
| Dec. 29th, “ “ 19,                                   | 155 23   |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 1155 23   |
| Bishop Meade, on account travelling expenses, viz :  |          |           |
| June 27th, Voucher No. 6,                            | 42 00    |           |
| Sept. 30th, “ “ 11,                                  | 75 00    |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 117 00    |
| Bishop Johns, for salary, viz :                      |          |           |
| June 18th, Voucher No. 4,                            | 500 00   |           |
| Sept. 8th, “ “ 9,                                    | 1250 00  |           |
| Dec. 6th, “ “ 18,                                    | 750 00   |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 2500 00   |
| Bishop Johns, on account, travelling expenses, viz : |          |           |
| June 18th, Voucher No. 4,                            | 62 95    |           |
| Dec. 6th, “ “ 18,                                    | 75 50    |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 138 45    |
| Quota and expenses of Delegates to Gen. Convention : |          |           |
| C. W. Andrews, Sept. 25th, Voucher No. 12,           | 30 00    |           |
| Wm. Sparrow, Oct. 19th, “ “ 14,                      | 30 00    |           |
| Wm. Norwood, Sept. 29th, “ “ 15,                     | 50 00    |           |
| D. H. Conrad, Nov. 7th, “ “ 16,                      | 82 00    |           |
| Wm. Armstrong, Nov. 16th, “ “ 17,                    | 45 00    |           |
| Quota and exchange, Oct. 15th, “ “ 18,               | 105 79   |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 342 79    |
| Printing, &c., viz :                                 |          |           |
| August 17th, Voucher No. 7,                          | 254 77   |           |
| “ 19th, “ “ 8,                                       | 51 46    |           |
| March 20th, '54, “ “ 20,                             | 3 95     |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | 310 18    |
|                                                      | <hr/>    | \$4999 98 |

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By 13. By balance due Treasurer, \$3 95  
 E. & O. E. WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, *Treasurer.*
































## APPENDIX No. III.—Continued.

### A.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONTINGENT FUND,

FOR 1854.

|                                                       |   |   |   |   |         |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| St. John's Church, Portsmouth,                        | - | - | - | - | \$52 00 |    |
| Franklin Parish, Franklin county,                     | - | - | - | - | 12 00   |    |
| Painesville, Amelia county, (missionary,)             | - | - | - | - | 4 00    |    |
| Centurion Church, Old Point, (paid to W. H. Hubbard,  |   |   |   |   |         |                                                                                     |
| Treasurer,)                                           | - | - | - | - | 22 00   |    |
| Christ Church, Winchester,                            | - | - | - | - | 101 00  |    |
| St. Thomas' Church, Middletown,                       | - | - | - | - | 10 00   |   |
| Emanuel Church, John's Parish, Loudoun,               | - | - | - | - | 26 00   |  |
| St. James' Church, Richmond,                          | - | - | - | - | 194 00  |  |
| St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish,                   | - | - | - | - | 23 00   |  |
| Emanuel Church, St. James' Parish, Southam,           | - | - | - | - | 16 00   |  |
| Trinity Church, Shepherdstown,                        | - | - | - | - | 40 00   |  |
| St. Paul's Church, Richmond, (paid to the Treasurer,) |   |   |   |   | 228 0   |  |
| Nelson Parish, Nelson county,                         | - | - | - | - | 28 00   |  |
| Monumental Church, Richmond, (paid to Treasurer,)     |   |   |   |   | 188 00  |  |
| Grace Church, Petersburg,                             | - | - | - | - | 107 00  |  |
| Clarke Parish, Clarke county,                         | - | - | - | - | 85 00   |  |
| St. George's Church, St. George's Parish,             | - | - | - | - | 152 00  |  |
| St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg county,                | - | - | - | - | 24 00   |  |
| Camden Parish, Danville,                              | - | - | - | - | 41 00   |  |
| Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson county,           | - | - | - | - | 97 00   |  |
| Ware and Abingdon Parishes,                           | - | - | - | - | 25 00   |  |
| Roanoke Parish, Halifax county,                       | - | - | - | - | 16 00   |  |
| Botetourt Parish, Botetourt county,                   | - | - | - | - | 31 00   |  |
| Christ Church, Alexandria,                            | - | - | - | - | 124 00  |  |
| St. James' Church, Culpepper,                         | - | - | - | - | 25 00   |  |
| Antrim Parish, Halifax county,                        | - | - | - | - | 83 00   |  |
| Martin, Brandon Parish.                               | - | - | - | - | 43 00   |  |
| Christ Church, Charlottesville,                       | - | - | - | - | 93 00   |  |
| Farnham Parish, Richmond county,                      | - | - | - | - | 5 00    |  |

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| aburg Parish, Richmond county, . . . . .                           | 8 50   |
| ohn's Church, Wheeling, - . . . .                                  | 74 00  |
| Church, Ravenswood Parish, - . . . .                               | 10 00  |
| Hill and Grace Churches, Raleigh and Genito<br>Parishes, - . . . . | 40 00  |
| umes' Church, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier, -                         | 56 00  |
| field Parish, Madison county, - . . . .                            | 15 00  |
| field Parish, Rappahannock county, - . . . .                       | 6 00   |
| t Church, Berkeley, St. Bartholomew's, Leetown,                    |        |
| Grace Church, Middleway, Jefferson, - . . . .                      | 35 00  |
| t Church, Norfolk, - . . . .                                       | 434 00 |
| ster's Church, Port Royal, - . . . .                               | 36 00  |
| t Church Parish, Lancaster county, - . . . .                       | 33 00  |
| y Church, Botetourt county, - . . . .                              | 31 00  |
| Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge, - . . . .                      | 40 20  |
| umes' Church, Dettingen Parish, - . . . .                          | 23 00  |
| ul's Church, Leeds Parish, - . . . .                               | 82 00  |
| y and Calvary Churches, Bath Parish, Dinwiddie,                    | 28 00  |
| ohn's Church, Salem Parish, Roanoke, - . . . .                     | 20 00  |
| ul's Church, Alexandria, - . . . .                                 | 151 00 |
| y Church, Trinity Parish, Marshall, - . . . .                      | 12 00  |
| ane's Parish, Vauter's Church, Essex, - . . . .                    | 26 00  |
| ul's Church, Petersburg, - . . . .                                 | 191 00 |
| ephen's Church, Culpeper, - . . . .                                | 32 00  |
| ul's Church, Culpeper, - . . . .                                   | 13 00  |
| ul's Church, Norfolk, - . . . .                                    | 192 00 |
| ster's Church, Washington Parish, - . . . .                        | 17 00  |
| t Church, Clarksburg, - . . . .                                    | 10 00  |
| ul's and St. John's Churches, South Farnham,                       | 45 00  |
| ohn's Church, Hanover Parish, King George county,                  | 17 00  |
| ohn's Church, Hampton, Elizabeth City Parish,                      | 56 00  |
| Surry Church, Southwark Parish, - . . . .                          | 19 00  |
| iffe Church, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke county, -                    | 20 00  |
| y Church, Martinsburg, - . . . .                                   | 42 00  |
| s Court House, Trinity Parish, - . . . .                           | 9 00   |
| oss Parish, - . . . .                                              | 6 00   |
| y Church, Meade Parish, Upperville, - . . . .                      | 12 00  |
| artin's Parish, Hanover county, - . . . .                          | 53 00  |
| ohn's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county, -                      | 28 00  |
| ricksville Parish, St. Paul's Church, Albemarle,                   | 10 00  |
| ul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, King George, -                     | 42 00  |
| Church, Littleton Parish, Cumberland, - . . . .                    | 17 00  |
| ster's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham, -                     | 20 00  |
| ton Parish, Matthews county, - . . . .                             | 12 00  |
| Church Parish, Middlesex, - . . . .                                | 7 00   |
| ver Parish, Charles City county, - . . . .                         | 44 00  |
| argaret's Church, Caroline county, - . . . .                       | 28 00  |
| Church, Spottsylvania county, - . . . .                            | 19 00  |
| umes' Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun, -                         | 77 00  |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| St. John's Church, City Point, - - - -                                        | 3 00      |
| St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, - - - -                                    | 67 00     |
| Trinity and Mannikintown Churches, Dale and King<br>William Parishes, - - - - | 18 00     |
| Rivanna Parish, - - - -                                                       | 16 00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stovin, St. Stephen's Church,<br>Fauquier, - - - -         | 5 00      |
| Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke county, - - -                                 | 60 00     |
| Hungar's Parish, Northampton county, - - -                                    | 50 00     |
| Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier, - - -                              | 22 00     |
| Grace Church, St. Mary's Parish, Caroline, - - -                              | 15 00     |
| Christ Church, Patrick Parish, Henry county, - - -                            | 9 50      |
| Leeds Parish, Fauquier county, - - - -                                        | 28 00     |
| Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville, Berkeley county, - - -                          | 19 00     |
| St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford, - - -                           | 54 00     |
| West Russell Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford, - - -                       | 13 50     |
| St. James' Church, Leighton Parish, Cumberland, - - -                         | 14 00     |
| Trinity Church, Staunton, - - - -                                             | 84 00     |
| Boyden Chapel, and Rockingham Parish, - - -                                   | 25 00     |
| Bruton Parish, Williamsburg, - - - -                                          | 82 00     |
| St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle, - - -                            | 31 00     |
| Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne, - - - -                                      | 10 00     |
| St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, - - - -                                         | 166 00    |
| St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa, - - -                         | 12 00     |
| Grace Church, Walker's Parish, - - - -                                        | 25 00     |
| St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland<br>Parish, Lunenburg, - - - -  | 28 80     |
| East Russell Parish, Bedford, - - - -                                         | 21 00     |
| St. Thomas' Church, Orange, - - - -                                           | 71 00     |
| Meherrin Parish, Greensville county, - - - -                                  | 31 00     |
| St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county, - - - -                                | 43 00     |
| Lexington Parish, Nelson County, - - - -                                      | 101 00    |
| St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania, - - -                      | 11 00     |
| Falls Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax county, - - -                           | 5 00      |
| St. John's Church, Campbell county, - - - -                                   | 13 00     |
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|                                                                               | \$5197 58 |
| Amount received on account of delinquencies for 1853,<br>per paper B, - - - - | 133 00    |
|                                                                               | <hr/>     |
|                                                                               | \$5330 58 |
| Excess of receipts over the entries on this paper, - - -                      | 23 86     |
| St. Paul's Church, Hanover, - - - -                                           | 22 00     |
| St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling, - - - -                                       | 111 00    |
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G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treas. pro tem.*

## B.

## AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR DELINQUENCIES, 1853.

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Lin Parish, Franklin county, - - - - -               | 3 00     |
| Church, Charlottesville, - - - - -                   | 55 00    |
| John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford county, - - -   | 5 00     |
| Y Church, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier, - - - ●         | 18 00    |
| James' Church, Leighton Parish, Cumberland, - - -    | 8 00     |
| Church, St. Anne's Parish, Albemarle, - - -          | 28 00    |
| John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa county, - | 16 00    |
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|                                                      | \$133 00 |

## C.

## FISHES AND CHURCHES DELINQUENT FOR 1854.

|                                                            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| don and Ware Parish, Gloucester, - - -                     | \$22 00   |
| John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland, - - -          | 43 00     |
| Church, Lyttleton, - - - - -                               | 6 00      |
| ter's Church, Tillotson, - - - - -                         | 6 00      |
| Church, (no Parish reported,) - - - - -                    | 17 00     |
| ricksville, - - - - -                                      | 30 00     |
| Surry Church, - - - - -                                    | 6 00      |
| John's Church, Bedford, - - - - -                          | 28 00     |
| Thomas' Church, West Russell, - - - - -                    | 8 00      |
| rne Parish, Berkeley, - - - - -                            | 62 00     |
| y Church, Shepherdstown, - - - - -                         | 24 00     |
| Stephen's Church, Culpeper, - - - - -                      | 4 00      |
| John's Church, Green Spring, - - - - -                     | 5 00      |
| John's and St. Paul's Ch's., Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, | 17 12     |
| Church, Spottsylvania, - - - - -                           | 10 00     |
| Margaret's, Caroline, - - - - -                            | 30 00     |
| Artholomew's Church, Lee Town, - - - - -                   | 7 00      |
| mes' Church, Accomac, - - - - -                            | Entirely. |
| orge's Church, do - - - - -                                | Entirely. |
| ine's Church, Albemarle, - - - - -                         | Entirely. |
| n Chapel, Augusta, - - - - -                               | Entirely. |
| Church, Brooke, - - - - -                                  | Entirely. |
| John's Church, Brooke, - - - - -                           | Entirely. |
| ke Church, Charlotte, - - - - -                            | Entirely. |
| y Church, Chesterfield, - - - - -                          | Entirely. |
| Church, Fairfax, - - - - -                                 | Entirely. |
| John's Church, Fairfax. - - - - -                          | Entirely. |
| ul's and Beaver Dam, Goochland, - - - - -                  | Entirely. |
| ul's, Frankfort and Zion Churches, Hampshire, -            | Entirely. |

|                                                                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Christ Church, Henrico,                                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Christ Church, Smithfield, and Old Church, Newport, Isle of Wight,    | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. John's, Harper's Ferry,                                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. John's, Charlestown, St. Luke's, Salines, and St. Mark's Kanawha, | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. David's, King William,                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. Paul's, Weston, Lewis,                                            | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Bruce Chapel and Point Pleasant, Mason,                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Old Church, Mecklenburg,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. James', St. Andrews' and Clarksville Chs., Mecklenburg,           | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Nansemond,                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Trinity and Callaway Churches, Nelson,                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. John's Church, Ohio,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| King William Parish, Powhatan,                                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Winfield, St. John's and Teaye's Valley Churches, Putnam,             | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Christ Church, Spottsylvania,                                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Immanuel Church, Sussex,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. Thomas', Abingdon, Washington,                                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Oak Grove, Westmoreland,                                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Parkersburg, Wood county,                                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| St. Paul's, Wetzel,                                                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Wytheville, Wythe,                                                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |
| Grace Church, York,                                                   | - | - | - | - | - | - | Entire |

## LIST OF THE PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

*With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in the order of the Counties.*

| COUNTIES.        | PARISHES.            | CHURCHES.                       | MINISTERS.                  |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accomac .....    | St. James's .....    | St. James's .....               | (Vacant.)                   |
| Accomac .....    | St. George's .....   | St. George's .....              | Rev. W. J. Zimmer.          |
| Accomac .....    | St. George's .....   | St. Michael's .....             | Rev. W. J. Zimmer.          |
| Albemarle .....  | Fredericksville ..   | Buck Mountain...                | (Vacant.)                   |
| Albemarle .....  | Fredericksville ..   | St. Paul's .....                | (Vacant.)                   |
| Albemarle .....  | Fredericksville ..   | Christ, Charlottesville .....   | R. K. Meade.                |
| Albemarle .....  | St. Anne's .....     | Trinity No Garden               | W. M. Nelson.               |
| Albemarle .....  | St. Anne's .....     | Christ .....                    | W. M. Nelson.               |
| Albemarle .....  | Walker's .....       | Walker's .....                  | E. Boyden.                  |
| Amelia .....     | Raleigh .....        | Grubb Hill .....                | P. F. Berkley.              |
| Amherst .....    | Lexington .....      | St. Luke's, N. Glasgow .....    | J. F. Martin.               |
| Amherst .....    | Lexington .....      | Ascension, Amh't Court House... | J. F. Martin.               |
| Augusta .....    | Augusta .....        | Trinity, Staunton               | T. T. Castleman.            |
| Augusta .....    | Augusta .....        | Boyden Chapel...                | J. C. Wheat.                |
| Alexandria ..... | Fairfax .....        | Christ, Alexandria              | C. B. Dana.                 |
| Alexandria ..... | Fairfax .....        | St. Paul's, Alexandria .....    | J. T. Johnston.             |
| Bedford .....    | Russell .....        | Trinity .....                   | (Vacant.)                   |
| Bedford .....    | West Russell .....   | St. Thomas's .....              | (Vacant.)                   |
| Bedford .....    | Heber .....          | St. John's Liberty              | J. A. Wharton, officiating. |
| Bedford .....    | Hamner .....         | St. Stephen's .....             | R. H. Wilmer.               |
| Berkeley .....   | Norborne .....       | Mt. Zion, Hedgesville .....     | D. F. Sprigg.               |
| Berkeley .....   | Norborne .....       | Trinity, Martins'bg             | D. F. Sprigg.               |
| Berkeley .....   | Norborne .....       | Calvary .....                   | D. F. Sprigg.               |
| Berkeley .....   | Norborne .....       | Christ .....                    | C. M. Callaway.             |
| Botetourt .....  | Botetourt .....      | Grace .....                     | F. M. Baker.                |
| Botetourt .....  | Woodville .....      | Trinity, Buchanan               | F. M. Baker.                |
| Brooke .....     | Christ Church...     | Christ .....                    | S. D. Tompkins.             |
| Brooke .....     | St. John's .....     | St. John's .....                | S. D. Tompkins.             |
| Brunswick .....  | St. Andrew's .....   | St. Andrew's .....              | (Vacant.)                   |
| Buckingham ..... | Tillotson .....      | St. Peter's .....               | W. C. Meredith.             |
| Campbell .....   | Moore .....          | St. John's .....                | W. H. Kinckle, officiating. |
| Campbell .....   | Lynchburg .....      | St. Paul's, Lynchburg .....     | W. H. Kinckle.              |
| Caroline .....   | St. Margaret's ..... | St. Margaret's .....            | D. M. Wharton.              |

| COUNTIES.        | PARISHES.                       | CHURCHES.                        | MINISTERS.        |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Caroline.....    | St. Mary's.....                 | St. Peter's, Port<br>Royal.....  | Wm. Friend.       |
| Caroline.....    | St. Mary's.....                 | Grace.....                       | Henry Wall.       |
| Charles City...  | Westover.....                   |                                  | N. A. Okeason.    |
| Charlotte .....  | Cornwall.....                   | Roanoke .....                    | (Vacant.)         |
| Chesterfield.... | Dale.....                       | Trinity.....                     | A. B. Tizzard.    |
| Clarke .....     | Frederick .....                 | Christ, Millwood...              | J. F. Hoff.       |
| Clarke .....     | Wickliffe .....                 | Grace, Berryville..              | F. M. Whittle.    |
| Clarke .....     | Wickliffe .....                 | Wickliffe .....                  | W. McGuire.       |
| Culpeper .....   | St. Mark's.....                 | St. Stephen's.....               | John Cole.        |
| Culpeper .....   | St. Mark's.....                 | St. James's.....                 | John Cole.        |
| Culpeper .....   | St. Mark's.....                 | St. Paul's.....                  | John Cole.        |
| Cumberland....   | Lyttleton.....                  | Grace.....                       | O. Bulkley.       |
| Cumberland....   | Lyttleton.....                  | St. James's.....                 | O. Bulkley.       |
| Cumberland....   | Lyttleton.....                  | St. Paul's.....                  | O. Bulkley.       |
| Dinwiddie.....   | Bath.....                       | Sapony.....                      | T. Ambler.        |
| Dinwiddie.....   | Bath.....                       | Calvary.....                     | T. Ambler.        |
| Elizabeth City.  | Elizabeth City..                | St. John's, Hamp'n               | J. C. McCabe.     |
| Elizabeth City.  | Old Point.....                  | Centurion, Old Pt.               | M. L. Chevera.    |
| Essex .....      | St. Anne's.....                 |                                  | E. B. McGuire.    |
| Essex .....      | South Farnham..                 | St. Paul's.....                  | H. W. L. Temple.  |
| Fairfax .....    | Truro .....                     | Zion .....                       | (Vacant.)         |
| Fairfax .....    | Truro .....                     | St. John's .....                 | (Vacant.)         |
| Fairfax .....    | Fairfax .....                   | Falls.....                       | (Vacant.)         |
| Fauquier .....   | Hamilton.....                   | St. James's, War-<br>renton..... | G. H. Norton.     |
| Fauquier .....   | Cedar Run.....                  | St. Stephen's .....              | G. H. Norton.     |
| Fauquier .....   | Leeds .....                     | St. Paul's.....                  | W. H. Pendleton.  |
| Fauquier .....   | Meade .....                     | Trinity.....                     | O. A. Kinsolving. |
| Fauquier .....   | Piedmont.....                   | Trinity, Salem....               | C. H. Shield.     |
| Fluvanna .....   | Rivanna .....                   | St. John's.....                  | (Vacant.)         |
| Franklin.....    | Franklin.....                   | At Court House..                 | A. Wade.          |
| Frederick .....  | Frederick .....                 | Christ, Winchester               | C. Walker.        |
| Frederick .....  | Frederick .....                 | St. Thomas, Mid-<br>dletown..... | (Vacant.)         |
| Gloucester.....  | Abingdon .....                  | Abingdon .....                   | Charles Mann.     |
| Gloucester.....  | Ware.....                       | Ware .....                       | Charles Mann.     |
| Goochland .....  | St. James's, Nor-<br>tham ..... | St. Paul's .....                 | (Vacant.)         |
| Goochland .....  | St. James's, Nor-<br>tham ..... | Beaverdam.....                   | (Vacant.)         |
| Greensville ...  | Meherrin.....                   | Grace .....                      | P. G. Robert.     |
| Greensville ...  | Meherrin.....                   | Christ .....                     | P. G. Robert.     |
| Halifax .....    | Antrim.....                     | St. John's.....                  | John Grammer.     |
| Halifax .....    | Roanoke.....                    | Brick .....                      | J. T. Clarke.     |
| Halifax .....    | Roanoke.....                    | Catawba.....                     | J. T. Clarke.     |
| Hanover .....    | St. Martin's.....               | Fork .....                       | W. V. Bowers.     |
| Hanover .....    | St. Paul's.....                 | St. Paul's.....                  | D. Caldwell.      |

| COUNTIES.          | PARISHES.          | CHURCHES.                                       | MINISTERS.          |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Hampshire ....     | Hampshire .....    | St. Paul's.....<br>Frankfort.....<br>Zion ..... | } (Vacant.)         |
| Richmond .....     | Clarksburg .....   | Bethel .....                                    |                     |
| Henrico .....      | Henrico .....      | St. John's.....                                 |                     |
| Richmond .....     | Richmond City...   | Monumental .....                                | George Woodbridge.  |
| Richmond .....     | Richmond City...   | St. Paul's.....                                 | (Vacant.)           |
| Richmond .....     | Richmond City...   | St. James's.....                                | Geo. D. Cummins.    |
| Richmond .....     | Richmond City...   | Christ .....                                    | W. Carmichael, D.D. |
| Patrick .....      | Patrick .....      | Christ .....                                    | A. Wade.            |
| Newport .....      | Newport .....      | Christ, Smithfield..                            | (Vacant.)           |
| Newport .....      | Newport .....      | Old Church.....                                 | (Vacant.)           |
| Bruton .....       | Bruton .....       | —, Williamsb'g.                                 | G. T. Wilmer.       |
| St. Andrew's ..... | St. Andrew's ..... | Zion, Charlestown.                              | C. E. Ambler.       |
| St. Andrew's ..... | St. Andrew's ..... | Trinity, Shepherdstown .....                    | C. W. Andrews.      |
| St. Andrew's ..... | St. Andrew's ..... | St. John's Harper's Ferry.....                  | J. H. Kehler.       |
| St. Andrew's ..... | St. Andrew's ..... | St. Bartholomew's Leetown.....                  | C. M. Callaway.     |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....      | St. John's Cha'ston                             | T. L. Smith.        |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....      | St. Luke's Salines.                             | T. L. Smith.        |
| Kanawha .....      | Kanawha .....      | St. Mark's Coal-smouth .....                    | (Vacant.)           |
| St. Pauls .....    | St. Pauls .....    | St. Paul's.....                                 | J. A. Russell.      |
| Hanover .....      | Hanover .....      | St. John's.....                                 | William Friend.     |
| St. David's .....  | St. David's .....  | St. David's.....                                | (Vacant.)           |
| Christ Church...   | Christ Church...   | Christ .....                                    | E. Withers.         |
| Christ Church...   | Christ Church...   | White Chapel.....                               | E. Withers.         |
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| Trinity .....      | Trinity .....      | Trinity.....                                    | John Cook.          |
| Cumberland .....   | Cumberland .....   | St. John's.....                                 | Thomas E. Locke.    |
| Cumberland .....   | Cumberland .....   | St. Paul's.....                                 | Thomas E. Locke.    |
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| .....              | .....              | Bruce Chapel.....                               | (Vacant.)           |
| .....              | .....              | Point Pleasant.....                             | (Vacant.)           |
| Kingston .....     | Kingston .....     | Christ .....                                    | G. S. Carraway.     |
| St. James's .....  | St. James's .....  | Old Church.....                                 | J. W. Chesley.      |
| St. James's .....  | St. James's .....  | St. James's.....                                | J. W. Chesley.      |
| St. James's .....  | St. James's .....  | St. Andrew's.....                               | J. W. Chesley.      |
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| Christ Church...   | Christ Church...   | Christ .....                                    | G. S. Carraway.     |



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| Nansemond....                   | Suffolk.....       | St. Paul's.....      | A. S. Smith.         |
| Nansemond....                   | Chuckatuck .....   | St. John's... ..     | (Vacant.)            |
| Nelson .....                    | Nelson.....        | Trinity .....        | F. D. Godwin.        |
| Nelson.....                     | Nelson.....        | Callaway.....        | F. D. Godwin.        |
| Nelson.....                     | Nelson .....       | Rockfish .....       | (Vacant.)            |
| Nelson.....                     | Nelson.....        | St. Paul's N. Market | F. D. Godwin.        |
| Nelson.....                     | Nelson.....        | Grace .....          |                      |
| New Kent.....                   | St. Peter's.....   | St. Peter's.....     | W. Norwood, D. D.    |
| Norfolk .....                   | Elizabeth River..  | Christ, Norfolk City | C. Minnegrode.       |
| Norfolk .....                   | Elizabeth River..  | St. Paul's.....      | Wm. M. Jackson.      |
| Norfolk .....                   | Portsmouth.....    | Trinity, Portsm'th.  | J. H. Wingfield.     |
| Norfolk .....                   | Portsmouth.....    | St. John's Ports-    |                      |
|                                 |                    | mouth .....          | James Chisholm.      |
| Northampton ..                  | Hungar's.....      | Hungar's .....       | J. Rawson, D. D.     |
| Northampton ..                  | Hungar's.....      | Christ .....         | J. Rawson, D. D.     |
| Ohio, Wheeling .....            |                    | St. Matthew's.....   | Wm. Armstrong.       |
| Ohio.....                       | St. John's.....    | St. John's .....     | J. D. McCabe, D. D.  |
| Orange .....                    | St. Thomas's.....  | St. Thomas's .....   | Joseph Earnest.      |
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| Petersburg ....                 | Bristol ... ..     | Grace.....           | C. J. Gibson.        |
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| Pittsylvania....                | Camden.....        | Emanuel.....         | G. W. Dame.          |
| Powhatan.....                   | Genito .....       | Grace.....           | P. F. Berkley.       |
| Powhatan .....                  | St. James's, South |                      |                      |
|                                 | am .....           | St. Luke's.....      | Andrew Fisher.       |
| Powhatan .....                  | St. James's, South |                      |                      |
|                                 | am .....           | Immanuel.....        | Andrew Fisher.       |
| Powhatan .....                  | King William...    |                      | A. B. Tizzard.       |
| Princess Ann..                  | Lynnhaven.....     | Chapel .....         | Lewis Walke.         |
| Princess Ann..                  | Lynnhaven.....     | Emanuel.....         | Lewis Walke.         |
| Prince George. City Point.....  |                    | St. John's.....      | (Vacant.)            |
| Prince George. Martin's Brandon |                    | Merchant's Hope...   | (Vacant.)            |
| Prince George. Martin's Brandon |                    | Old Brandon.....     | (Vacant.)            |
| Prince William Dettingen.....   |                    | St. James's.....     | John Towles.         |
| Prince William Leeds .....      |                    | St. Paul's.....      | John Towles.         |
| Putnam.....                     | St. Paul's.....    | Winfield .....       | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....                     | St. Paul's.....    | St. John's.....      | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....                     | St. Paul's.....    | Teye's Valley.....   | (Vacant.)            |
| Rappahannock                    | Bloomfield.....    |                      | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| Richmond .....                  | Lunenburg .....    |                      | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Richmond .....                  | Farnham .....      |                      | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Roanoke .....                   | Salem .....        |                      | G. T. Wilmer.        |
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| Rockingham...                   | Rockingham.....    | P. Republic.....     | J. C. Wheat.         |
| Spottsylvania ..                | St. George's.....  | St. Georges, Fred-   |                      |
|                                 |                    | ericksburg .....     | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| Spottsylvania ..                | Berkley .....      | Christ .....         | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Spottsylvania ..                | Berkley.....       | St. John's.....      | D. M. Wharton.       |

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|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| y .....     | Southwark .....  | Lower Surry.....                  | J. C. McCabe.  |
| ex .....    | Albemarle .....  | Immanuel.....                     | (Vacant.)      |
| hington ... | Holston .....    | St. Thomas's, Ab-<br>ingdon ..... | H. T. Lee.     |
| tmoreland   | Washington.....  | St. Peter's .....                 | (Vacant.)      |
| tmoreland   | Cople .....      | Oak Grove.....                    | E. B. McGuire. |
| tmoreland   | Montross .....   | St. James's.....                  | (Vacant.)      |
| nd.....     | Trinity .....    | Parkersburg .....                 | (Vacant.)      |
| he .....    | Wytheville ..... | .....                             | (Vacant.)      |
| zel.....    | Wetzel.....      | St. Paul's .....                  | J. D. McCabe.  |
| t.....      | York-Hampton ..  | Grace .....                       | (Vacant.)      |

AN ACT  
CONCERNING CHURCH PROPERTY.

*New Code of Virginia, Chap 77, page 362.*

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§ 8. Every conveyance, devise, or dedication, shall be valid, which, since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, has been made, and every conveyance shall be valid which hereafter shall be made, of land for the use or benefit of any religious congregation as a place for public worship, or as a burial-place, or a residence for a minister; and the land shall be held for such use or benefit, and for such purpose, and not otherwise.

§ 9. The Circuit Court of the county or corporation wherein there may be any parcel of such land, or the greater part thereof, may, on application of the proper authorities of such congregation, from time to time, appoint trustees, either where there were or are none, or in place of former trustees, and change those so appointed, whenever it may seem to the court proper, to effect or promote the purpose of the conveyance, devise, or dedication; and the legal title to such land shall, for that purpose, be vested in the said trustees for the time being and their successors.

§ 10. When books or furniture shall be given or acquired for the benefit of such congregation, to be used on the said land in the ceremonies of public worship, or at the residence of their minister, the same shall stand vested in the trustees having the legal title to the land, to be held by them as the land is held, for the benefit of the congregation.

§ 11. The said trustees may, in their own names, sue for and recover such land or property, and be sued in relation thereto. Such suit, notwithstanding the death of any of the said trustees, or the appointment of others, shall proceed in the names of the trustees by or against whom it was instituted.

§ 12. Such trustees shall not take or hold at any one time more than two acres of land in an incorporated town, nor more than thirty acres out of such a town.

§ 13. Any one or more of the members of any religious congregation may, in his or their name, in behalf of such congregation, commence and prosecute a suit in equity against any such trustee, to compel him

to apply such land or property for the use or benefit of the congregation, as his duty shall require. No member of the congregation need be made a defendant to such suit, but, in other respects, the same shall be proceeded in, heard and determined as other suits in equity, except that it may be proceeded in, notwithstanding the death of the plaintiff, as if he were still living.

**NOTE.**—On the 3d February, 1842, an act was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship,” which law was inserted in the Journal of 1848, by order of the Convention.

As that law has been repealed by the above act, passed at the late revision of the code of Virginia, which took effect on the 1st of July, 1850, the secretary deems it his duty to publish the said act in the Journal. He would call attention to the fact, that under this law no land can hereafter be *devised* for the use and benefit of any religious congregation, but must be *conveyed by deed* in the lifetime of the donor, whilst the act of 1842 legalised a *devise*, as well as a conveyance of lands for the use and benefit of any religious congregation as a place of public worship, or as a burial-place, or parsonage.

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*Form of a Bequest to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Virginia.*

**ALL** legacies and bequests to the Theological Seminary of Virginia or High School, should be in the following form :

“ I give and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ dollars to the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary and High School in Virginia, incorporated 20th February, 1854.”

The following law, prescribing the duty of ministers celebrating the rites of marriage, is enacted by the new code, and is here inserted for the information of the clergy :—

*New Code, Chapter 108, page 470.—Register of Marriage.*

§ 8. A certificate of every marriage hereafter solemnised, signed by the minister or other person celebrating the same, or, in the case of societies that solemnize their marriages by the consent of the parties in open congregation, by the clerk of the meeting, shall be transmitted by such minister, person, or clerk of the meeting, to the clerk of the court of the county or corporation in which the marriage is solemnised, *within three months thereafter* ; which certificate shall be recorded by the clerk within thirty days after its receipt, in a book to be kept for that purpose with a proper index thereto ; and a copy thereof from such record shall be evidence of such marriages. If any minister, or other person celebrating a marriage, or the clerk of any such meeting, or of any court, shall fail to perform what is hereby required of him, *he shall for each failure forfeit sixty dollars.*

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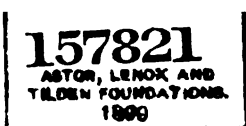
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FORM OF A PAROCHIAL REPORT.

\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH,  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Rector.

|                                                   | Total. |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Baptisms.—White, adults, —; infants, —; }         | _____  |
| “ Colored, “ , —; “ , —; }                        | _____  |
| Communicants added.—White, —; colored, —; _____   | _____  |
| “ Removed, —; withdrawn, —; _____                 | _____  |
| “ Suspended, —; Died, —; _____                    | _____  |
| “ Present number.—White, —; colored, —; _____     | _____  |
| Confirmed.—White, —; colored, —; _____            | _____  |
| Marriages.—White, —; colored, —; _____            | _____  |
| Funerals.—White, —; colored, —; _____             | _____  |
| Sunday Schools.—Teachers, —; scholars, —; _____   | _____  |
| Families, —; _____                                | _____  |
| Contributions for Church Purposes, —; _____       | _____  |
| For Missions.—Domestic, —; Foreign, —; _____      | _____  |
| Diocesan, —; _____                                | _____  |
| Communion alms, —; General contribution, —; _____ | _____  |
| Parochial Schools, —; _____                       | _____  |
| Post Office, _____                                | _____  |
| Remarks—                                          |        |

Number of white Communicants in \_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_ Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ Rector.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY  
DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish (or Church) in \_\_\_\_\_ County, held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, who is a communicant in said Parish or Church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Register,  
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NORFOLK,      "      "      1859.

CHARLOTTESVILLE,      "      "      1860.

ALEXANDRIA,      "      "      1861.

STAUNTON,      "      "      1862.

RICHMOND,      "      "      1863.

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Thomas H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelbourne Parish  
Loudoun County.

Hugh W. Sheffey, Trinity Church, Augusta County.

Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' Church and Parish, Orange  
County.

Robert K. Dabney, Emanuel Church, St. James' Parish  
Southam, Powhatan County.

Capt. Thomas Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Fork Church  
Hanover County.

Dr. Charles Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.

Cassius F. Lee, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria

Samuel Stilman, St. John's Church, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna  
County.

William H. Whiting, Christ Church, Frederick Parish  
Clarke County.

Wm. V. Jordan, St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford  
County.

David Holmes Conrad, Trinity and Mt. Zion Churches, North  
borne Parish, Berkeley County.

Col. Edward T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish  
King George County.

Rev. George Woodbridge, Monumental Church, Richmond.

Rev. J. W. Woodville, Germania, Culpeper Court House.

Rev. Edmund Withers, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.

Rev. Lewis Walke, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County,  
Post Office, Norfolk.

Rev. Cornelius Walker, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.

Rev. J. Ambler Weed, Richmond.

Rev. F. M. Whittle, Grace Church, Berryville.

Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D., Patrick Parish, Post Office, Martinsville, Henry County.

Rev. J. A. Wheat, Vice-Principal Virginia Female Institute, and  
Rector of Rockingham Parish.

Rev. Henry Wall, Fredericksburg.



## RULES OF ORDER.

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1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.

2d. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

4th. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

7th. While the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10th. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Secretary before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form : " Shall the main question be now put ? " It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present ; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and farther debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the

Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen, and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention; and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one clerical and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to

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27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

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LEXINGTON, VA., May 16, 1855.

On the day appointed for the Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, the Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy of the Diocese, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M. in Church, Lexington.

Prayer was said by the Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, and a Devotional Sermon preached by the Rev. John T. Clarke, on the 5th verse of the 11th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew: "And the poor have the gospel preached to them." The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese made a short and appropriate address in continuance of the sermon, urging farther and increasing the number of the poor that the gospel might the more be brought to them.

The Convention was then called to order for business, the Bishop of the Diocese being in the chair.

A Resolutions *pro tem.* of the last Convention was requested, and all of the clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, the following gentlemen answered to their names:

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| n. Meade, D. D. | Rev. C. M. Calloway,     |
| s E. Ambler,    | Rev. G. S. Carraway,     |
| Andrews, D. D.  | Rev. T. T. Castleman,    |
| s M. Baker,     | Rev. John M. Chevers,    |
| Werkley,        | Rev. James Chisholm,     |
| Warden,         | Rev. John T. Clarke,     |
| Werkley,        | Rev. C. B. Dana,         |
| Caldwell,       | Rev. Dabney C. T. Davis, |



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| Rev. Andrew Fisher,        | Rev. J. Peterkin,           |
| Rev. John Grammer,         | Rev. John D. Powell,        |
| Rev. Wm. D. Hanson,        | Rev. G. H. Norton,          |
| Rev. J. F. Hoff,           | Rev. Erskine M. Rodman,     |
| Rev. O. A. Kinsolving,     | Rev. Charles H. Shield,     |
| Rev. W. T. Leavell,        | Rev. George A. Smith,       |
| Rev. T. F. Martin,         | Rev. William Sparrow, D. D. |
| Rev. William Meade Nelson, | Rev. John Towles,           |
| Rev. C. Minnegerode, D. D. | Rev. Anderson Wade, D. D.   |
| Rev. John C. McCabe,       | Rev. F. M. Whittle,         |
| Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.  | Rev. G. T. Wilmer,          |
| Rev. William McGuire,      | Rev. John H. Wingfield,     |
| Rev. William N. Pendleton, | Rev. Edmund Withers,        |
| Rev. W. H. Pendleton,      | Rev. Geo. Woodbridge.       |

The Chair then appointed Gen. S. H. Lewis, L. A. Boggs, and Lewis B. Williams, Esqs., a committee to examine the certificates of lay delegates.

The committee on the certificates of lay delegates reported that they had examined and found to be in due and canonical form the credentials of the following gentlemen:

A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.

Miles C. Selden, St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish, Powhatan County.

Edward McCormick, Grace Church, Clarke Parish, Clarke County.

Lewis A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkley Parish, Spotsylvania County.

Nathaniel T. Green, Antrim Parish, Halifax County.

Col. Francis H. Smith, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge County.

Dr. Thomas H. Claggett, St. James' Church, Shelburne Parish, Loudoun County.

Hugh W. Sheffey, Trinity Church, Augusta County.

Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomas' Parish, Orange County.

Robert H. Dabney, Emanuel Church, St. James' Parish, Southam, Powhatan County.

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William H. Whiting, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Burke County.

William V. Jordan, St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford County.

David Holmes Conrad, Mt. Zion and Trinity Churches, Norton Parish, Berkley County.

Col. Edward T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, Orange George County.

David W. Barton, Christ Church, Winchester.

Col. Edmund Fontaine, St. James' Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.

Gibbon S. Conway, Piedmont and Trinity Churches, Bloomfield Parish, Madison County.

Wm. F. Lee, Hamilton Parish, Fauquier County.

Gen. S. H. Lewis, Rockingham Parish, Rockingham County.

Charles J. Meriwether, Grace Church, Walker's Parish, Almarle County.

Henry E. Coleman, St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg County.

Samuel W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.

John W. Jones, Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County.

Col. George M. Carrington who was duly elected delegate by St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, whose certificate was invalid in not having stated therein that he was a communicant of said church, but which fact was personally known to the committee.

On motion, the Rev. George Woodbridge was elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, A. L. Seabury, Esq. was elected Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were, after being read, adopted as the Rules of Order for this Convention.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention shall meet daily at 9, A. M. and adjourn at 2½, P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 17th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and adopted.

The Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop, together with the following clergymen, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

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| Rev. Thos. M. Ambler, | Rev. John P. McGuire,    |
| Rev. J. Earnest,      | Rev. H. W. L. Temple,    |
| Rev. C. J. Gibson,    | Rev. A. B. Tizzard,      |
| Rev. W. J. Lynd,      | Rev. Silas Totten, D. D. |
| Rev. R. K. Meade,     | Rev. Cornelius Walker,   |
| Rev. W. C. Meredith,  | Rev. D. M. Wharton,      |
| Rev. R. H. Wilmer.    |                          |

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen who were not present yesterday, to be duly elected delegates to this Convention, and they accordingly took their seats as members of the same:

Thomas S. Gholson, St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg.

Henry C. Hardy, Grace Church, Petersburg.

Mayo Davies, Trinity Church, Russel Parish, Bedford County.

James T. Logan, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County.

Henry Carrington, Roanoke Church, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte County.

Richard Morris, St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County.

John W. Atkinson, Monumental Church, Richmond.

Thomas Page, Grace Church, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland County.

Gen. Alexander Brown, Christ and Trinity Churches, Nelson Parish, Nelson County.

Arthur Temple, St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, South Farnham Parish, Essex County.

A letter was at this time received from the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, certifying the Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., to be the acting pastor of said church, and desiring that he be admitted to a seat in the Convention of the Diocese.

On motion, the request was unanimously granted.

Bishop Meade read his report as follows:

### BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: On the Sabbath which followed our Conventional proceedings in Lynchburg, I admitted in the church of that place to the order of deacons, Mr. Henry Anthon, of New York, and Mr. Dabney Davis, of Virginia. On the afternoon of that day confirmed an old lady on her sick bed. Visiting Hanover county, I confirmed four in Trinity Church. In Port Royal, Caroline county, three; at Vauter's Church, Essex, three; St. Paul's, Essex, three; at which place I admitted the Rev. Mr. Temple to the priesthood; Tappahannock, Essex, four. From thence I visited Middlesex, and performed some service in the old Brandon Church, and also in a neat new Church at Urbanna. This was made out of the old Court House, and entirely at the expense of Captain Bayley, the present owner of Rosegill, the ancient seat of the Wormley's; in this church I confirmed one person. Crossing the river I went to the old and hospitable mansion of Col. Chewning, and for the last time took the rounds of the churches in Lancaster with this faithful friend and worthy member of our Church, who died of cholera in Baltimore during the month of September last. I spent a day in the old and venerable church of the Carter's, Christ Church, and one in that at Kilmarnock, four miles off, recently built at the very place preferred by the parishioners on account of its greater convenience one hundred and twenty-five years ago, but relinquished in consideration of the whole expense being defrayed by Mr. Carter, on the site selected by himself. I also visited White Chapel in Lancaster county, and confirmed four persons; in Richmond county I officiated three days, one at old Farnham and two at the Court House. By reason of sickness, I was prevented from fulfilling my appointments at Nomini and Yeocomico Churches in Westmoreland. On recovering I spent one day at the church at Westmoreland Court House, confirming two persons, and two days at the church in Oak Grove, confirming seven persons. Thence proceeded to St. Paul's, King George, spending two days and confirming twelve; thence to King George Court House, where four were confirmed. My health now failing, I was obliged to omit a number of appoint-

ments in Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Louisa, Madison, and Culpeper. In the month of July I attended, as usual, the closing services at the Seminary. In the month of August I confirmed one at Millwood. In September, three at Salem in Fauquier county, and four at Warrenton; also five at Orange Court House. In the month of October visited Leesburg, and confirmed seven persons. In the same month began a visitation to Western Virginia. Commencing duty at Fairmount, I consecrated a church and confirmed five persons. Visited Clarksburg and Weston, in each of which places confirmed five. Thence to Parkersburg, where three were confirmed. At Ravenswood, one. Visited Point Pleasant, Mercer's Bottom, Buffalo; one confirmed at Buffalo. Thence to Winfield Court House, Coalsmouth, Charleston and the Salines; one confirmed at the Salines, and seven at Charleston. Re-crossing the whole of Western Virginia by land, I visited the congregation at the northern corner of the State. At Moundsville I consecrated a new church and confirmed five persons. At St. John's Church, Wheeling, confirmed ten persons, and at St. Matthew's, twenty-two. Spent a day at Wellsburg, and another at St. John's, seven miles off, confirming five at the latter. In the month of April I resumed my duties, and confirmed eight persons in the church at Berryville, and five in that at Millwood. After spending some time at the Seminary with the senior class, entered on the visitation, which has proceeded as far as the place in which we now meet. My first visit was to old Aquia Church in Spotsylvania county, recently repaired at an expense of eighteen hundred dollars, by a number of zealous descendants of those who more than a century ago worshipped within its walls. It is one of the noblest buildings in our State or land. The Rev. Mr. Wall is just entering on his duties as the Rector. I baptized one child and confirmed one adult at this church. At Fredericksburg confirmed nine persons; at Spotsylvania Court House, five; at St. John's, Louisa, one; at St. Margaret's, three; at the Fork Church, Hanover, six. Spent three successive days at the church near Hanover Court House, at Old Church, Hanover county, and at St. Peter's, New Kent. Spent a Sabbath in Richmond, confirming one in St. Paul's Church and six in St. John's, on Church Hill. At Petersburg confirmed twelve in St. Paul's congregation, and nineteen in Grace Church. At

St. John's Hope in Prince George county, confirmed two. At St. John Church, two; at old Surry Church in Surry county, one; at Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, one. My next appointments were in Caroline county. At Bowling Green I confirmed a brick church which had been built some years since, but never completed until very recently. At Grace Church in Albemarle county, and about twelve miles off, I confirmed seven. At two churches having united, are desirous of the services of a minister, and able to support one. My next appointment was at Madison Court House, where I confirmed one person. My next at St. John's, Louisa county, where three were confirmed. My next visit was to Grace Church, Albemarle, which has been built on the site of old Walker's Church. This substantial and very imposing church has been built at great cost, and by contributions and collections on the part of one family and parish, Mr. William C. Rives', although the rest of the congregation shared most liberally in the expense. Three persons were confirmed in it on the day of its consecration.

This is the brief account I have to give of my Episcopal acts during the year, although my journeyings and labors have been unusually severe, by reason of occasional sickness, and the extent of that part of the Diocese which has fallen to my lot. I trust and believe that my assistant brother has a larger number of confirmations to report, mine only reaching two hundred and thirty.

The following is the list of candidates for orders, who have been received during the last ecclesiastical year: W. A. Broad-  
Wm. C. Butler, Richard C. Davis, John H. Fritz, Julius Hammer, Joseph Jones, Jas. A. Latane, Robert W. Lewis, Edward C. Marshall, Richard R. Mason, Thomas H. Smyth, and M. Stewart, John C. Tennent, Lyman B. Wharton.

The ministers received into the Diocese during the last year, have been the Rev. Mr. Mower and the Rev. Mr. Smith, from Virginia; the Rev. Mr. Peterkin, from New Jersey; the Rev. Mr. Bell, from Maryland; the Rev. Mr. Henderson, from Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mr. Murdaugh, from Alabama.

Those dismissed to other Dioceses, have been the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, Cummins, and Norwood to Maryland; Messrs. Page and Bowers to Pennsylvania; the Rev. Nathan to New York.

I might, my dear brethren, address you on several topics of deep interest to us all at this time, but I shall confine myself to one which calls for, and will receive, I trust, your immediate and most earnest attention. I allude to the present condition of our Foreign Missionary Society, as to its means for carrying on the great work committed to its care. You have all, doubtless, seen and read the painful statement and most thrilling appeal of its committee, which has been spread before the church in a pamphlet, and copied into all our religious papers. A more humiliating document touching any of our public institutions, has never yet been issued. It was as unexpected, as it is lamentable. Hitherto our pecuniary means have been equal to the demand for the support of those whom God by his Spirit has called into the foreign field; and we have been tempted to boast of the prosperity of this department of the church's labors. But at the time of the issuing of this document, there were two or more accepted missionaries to China, ready and anxious to go, who were arrested, as it were, on the very shore of their departure, and bidden to remain idle for an indefinite period, or find employment at home, and others longing to engage in the same field, and hoping soon to be gratified, who were discouraged from cherishing such hope. Our beloved missionaries to Africa also, Mr. and Mrs. Hofman, who had visited America to recruit their health, and enlist other laborers, and who were ready and anxious to return with improved health, soon to be followed by others whose hearts they had been the instruments of moving to the same work, were overwhelmed with sorrow and shame at being told that they must remain for one year in our land, soliciting contributions from Diocese to Diocese, from parish to parish, in order to raise funds for their mission, doing the work which every minister should feel it to be, not only his duty, but his high honor and privilege to perform. But to detain such persons from their noble work, which was of necessity suffering during their absence, was a shame and a reproach which God would not permit to rest upon the Society and the Church. He who "ordains praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings," put it into the hearts of one single Sunday School of children in the city of New York, to pour into the treasury nearly two thousand dollars for the cause. Encouraged by this first prompt and generous answer to their

appeal, the committee determined, in full reliance on the effect of such example, to recall their sentence of exile from the sorrowing missionaries, (for to them America is the land of exile, and Africa their adopted home,) and at once return them to their loved labors. They were weeping exiles in one of the houses of the Professors of our Seminary, when the glad news reached them. And as they bid adieu to that consecrated place with tears of holy joy, the voices of forty students followed them to the gateway, in the melodious utterance of Bishop Heber's soul-transcending missionary hymn. They are now being wafted by the breezes of heaven over the waters of the wide Atlantic, soon to reach in health and safety the haven where they would be, and renew those labors in which they so delight. And is there a Diocese, a minister, a congregation, a family, a member, a child of our Church, so dead to this cause, as not to respond heartily to the call now made, and contribute liberally, as not merely to discharge the debt now pressing on the committee, but to enable it to send forth to all our mission fields many as the Lord our God shall call to the work.

I have not hesitated to pledge the Diocese of Virginia to her full share, and I take this method of calling upon it to redeem that pledge.

I would suggest as the best method of rendering the aid so imperiously called for, that the Convention recommend to all the clergy a collection on some Sabbath near at hand, to be preceded by the reading of the statement and appeal the previous Sabbath, and attended by a sermon on the day of collection, upon the interesting subject of missions. This or some other method which shall seem most advisable to the committee, will, I hope, be readily adopted.

W. MEADE.

Bishop Johns read his report as follows:

#### BISHOP JOHNS' REPORT.

During the session of the Convention at Lynchburg, on Sunday morning, May 21st, I confirmed twenty persons, and also admitted the Rev. John M. Chevers and William Meade Nelson priests' orders.

May 22, I preached at Trinity Church, Bedford. 23, I preached at St. Stephen's, Bedford. 24th, I preached at St. John's,



Liberty, and confirmed two. 26, I preached at Big Lick, and confirmed five. 27, I preached at St. Mark's, Fincastle, and confirmed six. 28, I preached at Trinity, Buchanan, and confirmed seven, and at night, in the same church, I addressed the congregation, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, who kindly accompanied me thus far on my visitation. 29, I preached at Grace Church, Lexington, and confirmed six.

June 2, I preached at Port Republic, and confirmed one. 3, after the corner-stone of the new church at Staunton had been laid by others, I met a congregation in the old building, and delivered an address. 4, I preached in the morning in Trinity Church, Staunton, and confirmed sixteen; at night I preached again in the same church. 5, I preached in the Methodist Church at Harrisonburg. 8, I preached in St. Thomas' Church, Middletown, and confirmed two. 9, I preached in Christ Church, Winchester, and confirmed one. 10, I preached at Bunker Hill, and confirmed one. 11, I preached in Trinity Church, Martinsburg, and confirmed two. 12, I preached at Hedgesville, and confirmed two. 14, I preached in Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, and confirmed seven. 15, I preached at St. Bartholomew's, Lee-town. 16, I preached at Smithfield, and confirmed six. 17, was my appointment at Harper's Ferry, but as that parish was then vacant, and no one took the Southern Churchman, I found the church closed, and was under the necessity of leaving for Charlestown without officiating. I am happy to say that the congregation has since been supplied. 18, I preached at Charlestown, and confirmed seven. 19, I preached at Wickliffe. 20, I preached in Grace Church, Berryville, and confirmed ten. 21, I preached at Millwood, and baptized a child of the Rector.

July 2, I preached at Williamsburg. 9, I preached in St. John's, Georgetown. The ensuing week I was engaged in the examinations at the Seminary and High School, and on the 14th I assisted in the ordination at Alexandria. July 16, in the morning I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed seventeen; in the afternoon I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and confirmed eight. 23, I preached in Christ Church, Georgetown. During the month of August I supplied alternately the place of the rectors of Christ Church and St. Paul's, Alexandria; preaching August 6, in St. Paul's; 13, Christ Church; 20, St. Paul's; 27, Christ Church.

September 3, I preached in St. John's, Georgetown. 17, I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria. 24, I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria.

October 1, I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria. 8, I preached at Fairfax Court House. The following week was occupied in visiting Philadelphia, to attend the anniversary of the Evangelical Knowledge Society. 15, I preached in the Seminary Chapel. 22, I preached in the morning at Danville, and confirmed two; in the afternoon I preached in the same church to the servants. 24, I preached at Henry Court House, and confirmed three. 26, I preached at Pittsylvania Court House, and confirmed three. 28, at Catawba, Halifax county, the congregation was prevented from assembling by rain. 29, at Halifax Court House, I preached and confirmed thirteen. 30, I preached at the Brick Church. 31, I preached at Clarksville.

November 1, I preached in St. Luke's, Mecklenburg. 2, I preached in St. Andrew's. 3, I preached at Boydton, and confirmed one.

December 17, I officiated at West End, Alexandria, one of the Missionary Stations supplied by the students of the Seminary. 25, I preached in the Seminary Chapel, and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper. 31, I preached morning and afternoon in St. Paul's, Alexandria.

January 7, 1855, I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria. 14, I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria.

February 4, I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria. 11, I preached in the Seminary Chapel. 18, I preached in the Seminary Chapel. 25, I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, morning and afternoon. 28, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel, and in the afternoon in St. Paul's, Alexandria.

March 2, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel. 4, In Christ Church, Alexandria. 7, In Immanuel Church, Baltimore. 8, by invitation from Bishop Whittingham, I preached the sermon and assisted in the services at the consecration of Immanuel Church, Baltimore. 11, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel. 16, I lectured in Christ Church, Alexandria, and confirmed four. 18, I preached in Fall's Church, and administered the Lord's Supper, the Rector being disabled by sickness. 25, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel; in the afternoon I preached at Sharon, another of the Missionary Stations. 29, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel.

April 1, I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria, and at night at the High School. 2, I lectured in the Seminary Chapel. 4, in Christ Church, Alexandria. 5, in St. Paul's, Alexandria. 6, in Christ Church, Alexandria. 7, in St. Paul's, Alexandria. 8, I preached in St. Paul's, Alexandria, and admitted John Singer Wallace and Johnson McCormick, to Deacon's orders. 12, I preached in Christ Church, Norfolk. 15, I preached in St. James', Drummondtown, and confirmed six. 16, I preached in Pungoteague. 17, I preached in St. Michael's, Bellhaven. 18, I preached in Hungar's Church. 19, I preached at Eastville. 20, I preached in Trinity, Portsmouth, and confirmed ten. 22, in the morning I preached in St. Paul's, Norfolk, and confirmed fifteen; at night I preached in Christ Church, and confirmed twenty-eight. 23, I preached in the Chapel in Princess Anne, and confirmed one. 24, I preached at Kempsville. 25, I preached in the room appropriated for religious services at Old Point Comfort; at night I preached at Hampton. 26, I preached in St. John's, Portsmouth, and confirmed three.

May 6, on my route to the south western part of the Diocese, I stopped at Lynchburg, and at the request of the Rector, I officiated in St. Paul's on Sunday and Monday, preaching morning and night on Sunday, and confirming twenty-one persons. On Monday afternoon I baptized a son of the Rector, and preached again at night. The next day, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, I started for Wytheville. The Rev. Messrs. R. Wilmer and Lynd joined us on our way. At Wytheville I preached on the 10th, in the morning, and in the afternoon after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Lynd, I addressed the congregation, and at night, also, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, and confirmed one. May 11, at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kinckle, I addressed the congregation at Abingdon. The next morning I officiated in the same church, and confirmed six. The Rev. Messrs. Hume and Steele, of the Diocese of Tennessee, met us at Abingdon, and kindly participated in the services.

Since my arrival in Lexington, I have received a letter from an officer of the army, stationed at Old Point Comfort, stating that they had received warning that the room which they have been allowed to use for religious services, will be required as barracks for troops expected there daily. Under these circumstances, it is proposed to do as has been done at Governor's

Island, to obtain permission from government to erect a frame church within the garrison, to be consecrated as an Episcopal Church; the title to the building to be vested in the Bishop of the Diocese, and to be used by the Chaplain of the post and the congregation under his care. The building is to be so constructed, that if there should be a change of the Chaplaincy, and the Diocese should not occupy the place as a Missionary Station, it can be taken down and removed to any other place which the Bishop may designate. The officers of the place have already subscribed with liberality; but as the enterprise will require an addition to the sum thus raised, I take pleasure in commending their cause to our friends, especially to the members of the Church in the immediate vicinity, and in Richmond and Petersburg. The undertaking is in the hands of persons who may be relied on, and any money forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Chevers, or Lieutenant McAlister, Old Point Comfort, will be faithfully applied. If the Post could have returned to it one-fourth of the amount given by the officers and their families, to the different religious societies of the Church, no other aid would be needed to accomplish the object now proposed. I cannot suppose that those who have always generously contributed to the relief of others, will now themselves be left destitute of a suitable place of worship.

J. JOHNS.

Rev. C. B. Dana, Chairman of the Standing Committee, read the report of their proceedings for the past Conventional year.

Parochial Reports being called for, and the reading of them dispensed with, the same were, on motion, referred to the appropriate committee.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committee on Parochial reports: Rev. G. S. Carraway, Rev. F. M. Whittle, John W. Jones, Esq., Henry Carrington, Esq.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committee on Finance: Gen. Samuel H. Lewis, David Barton, Esq., Dr. Thos. H. Claggett.

The Chair appointed Col. Carrington Treasurer, *pro tem.* of the Convention.

Col. Carrington, Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, presented his report to the Convention.

H. W. Sheffey, Esq., in behalf of the Trustees of the Virginia

Female Institute, appointed by the last Convention, made the following report, accompanied with a resolution.

The committee consisting of Hugh W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis, and Richard H. Wilmer, appointed at the last Convention to carry out the views of the Convention, respecting the Virginia Female Institute, having reported that they have been embarrassed in the discharge of their duty, by doubts as to the wishes of the Convention, and having asked the instruction of the Convention in respect thereto, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That H. W. Sheffey, T. S. Gholson, and Rev. R. H. Wilmer, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, whose duty it shall be to consider and report the most expedient plan for holding the title to the Institute property, and for managing the affairs of the Institute.

On motion, the resolution accompanying the report was adopted.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's report as relates to the subject of the Foreign Missionary Society, was referred to a committee of five.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen said committee: Col. E. Fontaine, Rev. Charles Minnegerode, D. D., Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D., Rev. J. Grammer, Col. Edward T. Tayloe.

A letter was at this time read to the Convention from the Presbyterian Synod, requesting this Convention to unite with them in appointing the fourth Thursday in November of each year to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving.

On motion, the same was referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed as such committee, D. H. Conrad, Esq., Rev. Edward McGuire, D. D., Rev. C. Walker.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committee on the state of the church:

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| Rev. Cornelius Walker,    | D. Holmes Conrad, Esq.   |
| Rev. Richard H. Wilmer,   | David W. Barton, Esq.    |
| Rev. W. H. Pendleton,     | Henry E. Coleman, Esq.   |
| Rev. J. F. Hoff,          | Col. Edward T. Tayloe,   |
| Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D. | Charles Meriwether, Esq. |
| Rev. P. F. Berkley,       | Charles Carter, Esq.     |
| Rev. E. Boyden,           | Cassius F. Lee, Esq.     |

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend divine service.

*Half past 12 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention assembled after recess.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of five laymen be appointed by the Chair, to report to this Convention a scheme for the relief of disabled clergymen.

The Chair appointed David W. Barton, Esq., D. H. Conrad, Esq., Lewis B. Williams, Esq., H. W. Sheffey, Esq., and Gen. Brown, such committee.

On motion, the account of the Treasurer of the Convention was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the account of J. L. Bacon, Esq., Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, was referred to the appropriate committee.

On motion, the Secretary of the Convention was ordered to have one thousand copies of the Canons of the Diocesan Convention and of the General Convention, printed for distribution among the clergy of the Diocese.

Bishop Johns in the chair.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.*

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| Rev. J. Grammer,      | Gen. Samuel Lewis,     |
| Rev. J. H. Wingfield, | Henry E. Coleman, Esq. |

*Committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society.*

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| Rev. J. Peterkin, | Capt. Thomas Nelson. |
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*Committee on the Episcopal Fund.*

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| Rev. C. B. Dana, | L. A. Boggs, Esq. |
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*Committee on New Parishes.*

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| Rev. G. T. Wilmer. | Charles J. Meriwether, Esq. |
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Rev. J. Grammer, Chairman of the Committee on the fund for the support of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, presented the following report:

The committee on the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of said fund, and find the same

to be correct. The fund consists of seventy-four shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia; twenty-one shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia; and one share of Virginia Bank stock, from which the Treasurer has received during the past year \$791 75, which has been duly paid over to the Treasurer of the Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen in the Diocese of Virginia.

(Signed,) J. GRAMMER, *Cha'n.*

On motion, the account of Col. George M. Carrington, Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, was referred to the Select Committee already appointed on the affairs of the Institute.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

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#### FRIDAY, May 18th, 9 A. M.

Convention assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev., the assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

The Secretary read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

The following clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, who were not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats. Rev. W. H. Kinckle, Rev. C. R. Howard.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D. and Rev. W. H. Pendleton be a committee on the part of this Convention, to respond to the offer from the gentleman of Roanoke, of \$1000 to a Bishop's fund.

The committee on the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, made the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society for the current year, report that said account is entirely correct, and that the Treasurer's vouchers for payments made by him, correspond precisely with his entries, except in two items. These items are two payments of \$37 50 each, made to the Rev.

Robert A. Castleman, of Clarksburg, for which Mr. Castleman has not yet furnished receipts. The committee recommend that these receipts be procured by the Treasurer, and placed on file for examination at the next Convention.

(Signed,)

J. PETERKIN, *Cha'n.*

For Treasurer's account, see Appendix No. 2.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted.

The committee on the memorial of the Presbyterian Synod, made the following report, accompanied with resolutions:

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Virginia, beg leave to report:

That while they concur with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church, in the propriety of the measure proposed, to wit: that in the absence of any recommendation of a day of thanksgiving by the Executive of the Commonwealth, the churches of the several denominations of Christians should, if possible, fix upon one and the same day, to be kept as a day of thanksgiving to the Great Giver of every good gift, for his manifold blessings bestowed upon us as a people; yet, they regret that it is out of their power to respond to the proposition, so far as the precise day is concerned, the fourth Thursday in November.

Cheerfully would they unite with their brethren in agreeing to this day, were it not, that by the Rubric of the Church, which is coeval with the establishment of the Prayer Book in its present form, the *first Thursday in November* is in terms directed to be kept as a day of thanksgiving, in the absence of any Executive proclamation, of a thanksgiving day. And they would the more readily assent to this fraternal recommendation, when it is remembered that the fourth Thursday is very generally adopted in almost all the other States as a day of thanksgiving.

Such being the state of things in regard to this subject, your committee cannot see how the difficulty can be gotten over by any form of resolution which should adopt the day proposed, inasmuch as the subject of a change in the Rubric is properly and solely under the control of the General Convention of the Church.

They suppose that every member of this body is aware that this Convention has no power under the Constitution of the



Church, to alter or amend the Prayer Book. The body which has the power to make a change, holding its sessions triennially, will not sit until the autumn of 1856.

Under these circumstances, your committee, anxious to unite with their brethren of the Presbyterian Church and the other Christian denominations of the State upon the same day, have reflected how this might be effected, notwithstanding the obstacle referred to. They thought of asking the Synod, at their next meeting to modify their action, so far as to change the day from the fourth to the first of November; but they feared that this might look like asking them to reconsider a matter, for our convenience, which they may be presumed to have decided, upon mature consideration.

They have, therefore, determined against this scheme, and on further reflection, have thought that the views of all might be perhaps subserved by assenting cordially to the spirit of the proposition of their Presbyterian brethren, and recommending that the various denominations of Christians through their several church judicatories, should unite in memorializing the Governor of the State to fix a day, upon which all may unite in solemn and heartfelt thanksgiving to God for his bounties and blessings, and express in that memorial the hope that the Executive may think fit to select the day designated by the Synod as the one proper to be selected, because of its almost universal observance in the United States. They, in accordance with this view, submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved by the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Convention*, That they cordially concur with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Virginia in their desire to have a day of public thanksgiving to Almighty God, fixed by the common consent of the Christian churches in Virginia, or by the proper civil authority, on which they may offer up their united thanks and prayers to God for his manifold blessings.

2. *Resolved*, That the first Thursday in November having been established by the supreme legislative authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and which they have no power to repeal, alter, or annul, they respectfully state this as the reason why they cannot resolve to fix upon the fourth Thursday in November, the day recommended by the Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod be respectfully requested to join with this Church, and such other of the Christian churches in Virginia as may come into the measure, in memorializing the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to issue his proclamation for a day of thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God, to be kept and observed as such by all the good people of Virginia, by solemn worship in their several churches; and that he would be pleased to designate the fourth Thursday in November as that day, because of its general observance as such, in nearly all the States of the Union.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to transmit to the Chairman of the Committee of Synod, and through him to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Virginia, a copy of this report and these resolutions.

5. *Resolved*, That the Synod of the Presbyterian Church be respectfully requested, if they concur in this proposal, to communicate with the other Protestant denominations of the State for their concurrence, and to memorialize the Executive of Virginia on the subject.

By order of the committee,

D. H. CONRAD, *Cha'n.*

On motion, the report and resolutions of the committee were adopted.

The Committee on the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, presented their report, accompanied with resolutions.

On motion, the consideration of the report and resolutions were postponed till after divine service.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend divine service.

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*Half past 12 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention assembled after recess.

The Chair stated the business before the Convention to be the report and resolutions of the Committee on the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton, and on motion, the following resolutions reported by the Committee were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That so soon as the Committee appointed by the last Convention, consisting of Hugh W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis,

and Rev. R. H. Wilmer, are satisfied that all the debts of the Virginia Female Institute over and above the sum of \$4000, or such amount as may still be due from the Convention, are paid or settled by others, and not before, they withdraw from the Treasurer the funds provided for the purpose, and apply the same to the payment of the residue of the debts.

2. *Resolved*, That before paying over the funds in discharge of said debts, the said committee procure certificates of stock in the Virginia Female Institute to the amount of seventy shares, to be issued in the names of S. H. Lewis, Alexander Brown, D. H. Conrad, Edward T. Tayloe, Rev. R. K. Meade, Charles Carter and Thomas S. Gholson, and shall procure the transfer of stock from the present stockholders to the said S. H. Lewis, Alexander Brown, D. H. Conrad, Edward T. Tayloe, Rev. R. K. Meade, Charles Carter and Thos. S. Gholson, to an amount sufficient to vest in said parties a majority of the whole stock.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That it is hereby expressed as the sense of this Convention, in connection with the foregoing resolutions, that the Trustees of the Institute should endeavor so to conduct the affairs of the Institution as to reduce, as far as practicable, the expenses of instruction and board to the daughters of clergymen of this Diocese.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Convention shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, on the third Wednesday in May, 1856.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

The Secretary read the journal of yesterday's proceedings.

Rev. S. R. Slack appeared to-day and took his seat.

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates reported

the following gentlemen duly and canonically elected delegates to this Convention; and they accordingly took their seats as members of the same:

Lyman B. Wharton, St. Thomas' Church, West Russell Parish, Bedford County.

Dr. M. P. Nelson, Christ Church, Berkeley County.

The Committee on that portion of the Report of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, in reference to the Foreign Missionary Society, presented their report, accompanied with resolutions, and on motion, the same were amended and adopted in the following form:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Report as relates to the deficiency in the treasury for the "Foreign Missions of the Church," have had the same under consideration, and make the following report:

They do not deem it necessary to go into an extended argument to show that the promise should be redeemed, which has been made by the Bishops, that the Diocese of Virginia will furnish her full share to make up the sum required to sustain the Society in the great work committed to its care. Believing that there is neither a want of willingness nor ability among the members of our communion, they think that it is only necessary to let the facts be known, to insure success in the effort to obtain the requisite means.

As was remarked by our Diocesan, the development made in the "Statement and Appeal of the Foreign Committee," was doubtless altogether unexpected, but it is, nevertheless, as he says, humiliating and mortifying; and your committee feel confident, that the Diocese will not be slow in wiping out whatever of reproach may seem to attach to it for this delinquency. They believe, that if the wants of the committee had been known to our parishes—if the clergy had without hesitation called on their people to make these contributions as a Christian duty, they would have met with a ready response. And here it may not be out of place to say, that it is a great mistake in any minister to be reluctant to tell his people what he regards their duty on the subject of contributions for benevolent purposes. The inculcation of proper views on this subject would arouse a spirit of greater liberality, or rather awaken a more correct sense of duty, and they would practically experience the truth of that

declaration of Scripture, "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

It ought to be sufficient to remind the members of our communion that twenty years ago, the General Convention declared the whole Church a Missionary Society, and that the obligation thus imposed has been recognized and acquiesced in up to the present time. But your committee does not pretend to rely on the authority of that Convention to enforce this plain Christian duty. They do not doubt that each individual member of the Church, as he values the blessings of the Gospel for himself, must feel a corresponding desire to extend the same blessings, as far as it is in his power to do so, to benighted heathen, in foreign lands, as well as to the destitute in our own.

They think that it would be a reflection on the evangelical character of the Church in Virginia, to doubt that her 6000 members will perform a generous part in relieving the present necessities of the Society, and continue in future to show a just appreciation of the duty which rests on them.

Without pretending to exhibit the extent of the destitution which exists, or to elaborate the obligation to afford relief, it will only be necessary to state, as facts drawn from the appeal of the Foreign Committee,

"That their Treasury is already in debt for advances in the maintenance of our *present occupied Missionary force abroad*, above ten thousand dollars;

"That seven Missionaries are standing at their doors, and asking to be sent abroad, for whom they can make no provision;

"With their Missions on every field asking for enlargement, which they have no power to give;

"With the anguish of hearing from their devoted Bishops and Missionaries, of wants and openings which they are compelled to disregard;

"With the constantly threatening necessity of dishonoring the drafts which these faithful men make upon them, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the assurance of the Bishops that this Diocese would do its duty in supplying the deficiency in the treasury of the Foreign Committee, ought to be promptly sustained.

2d. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of making up the defi-

iciency, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese is requested to appoint a day on which each clergyman shall read the "Statement and Appeal," together with an Address, which the Bishop is hereby requested to prepare for the occasion, besides preaching a sermon on the subject, and making a collection, to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Committee for Foreign Missions.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Bishop's address on this subject, together with this report and the accompanying resolutions, be published in the Southern Churchman without delay, and that the editor be requested to forward a copy of the paper to every clergyman in the Diocese.

4th. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure of the appointment of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in Richmond in October next, and hereby express the hope that so many of our clergy and people as conveniently may, will attend said meeting, and that through the Divine blessing, it may serve to awaken a deeper interest and zeal in behalf of missions in this Diocese.

The Committee appointed to recommend a Plan for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen made the following report, accompanied with a resolution:

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the support of disabled clergymen, have given to the subject such reflection as their limited time and other necessary engagements would permit. They have found the subject not without many and serious difficulties, the removal of which, and the careful preparation of a scheme, which in its practical working, will be likely to effect the object of the resolution under which they were appointed, will require a much larger amount of time and thought than can now be spared from the other duties of your committee.

Upon the main proposition the committee have no difficulty. That the Minister of the Gospel, whose prime and vigor have been spent in the service—who, passing by all the alluring paths of secular employment, and giving up all hope and opportunity of worldly acquisition, has been content to dedicate his best days, his best energies and faculties of body and of mind to the moral improvement of his race and the advancement of Christ's cause and kingdom upon earth, without the enjoyment

or hope or promise of temporal reward, save a bare subsistence, should, in old age, when faint and weary, he is compelled to lay down his armour, have some claim to the fostering care of those in whose service he had lived and labored, is a conclusion, not merely of humanity or charity, but of sheer justice. A *living*, at least—it may be but a frugal and scanty allowance—but a *living, at least*, is due, in common justice, to the faithful and devoted minister, not merely whilst he is still able to toil on in his labor of love, but even more imperatively, when the infirmities of age or of disease may have impaired or destroyed his capacities to labor.

That such provision must be made, and ought to be made, by the Church at large, and not by the particular congregation which the disabled minister may last have served, would seem to result, necessarily, from the fact, that whilst the active energies of his youth and his days of strength may have been given to one congregation, it may happen, in the providence of God, as it has often happened in our Diocese, that his old age, or exhausted vigor or failing health, may fall to the lot of some new congregation. The provision, then, if made at all, must be made by the united contributions of the whole Diocese. By what method, whether by an increase of the Diocesan Fund or some other mode of general assessment, the fund can best be raised—how best invested and secured, so as to give it reasonable certainty and permanency—upon what principle and by whom its proper beneficiaries are to be selected, and by what safe rule the aid is to be meted out in cases of partial disability, as well as absolute and total destitution—these are all questions requiring serious and cautious consideration.

Your committee cannot do better with the subject, under present circumstances, than to commend it now to the prayers and sympathies and reflections of each member of the Convention, and that it may not be lost sight of, to advise that it be recommended to the same or some other committee, with instructions to give to it a further examination, and to make a more detailed report at the next session of the Convention.

D. W. BARTON, *Cha'n.*

*Resolved*, That the subject of the foregoing report be recommended to the same committee, to consider the matter more deliberately and fully, and to report to the next Convention.

motion, the report and resolution of the committee were

motion, the following document was ordered to be printed in the Journal, and the original to be deposited with the Bishop of the Diocese:

We the undersigned, having been appointed by the Convention of the Episcopal Church, held in Lexington, to receive and sell additional shares of stock and to receive assignments of shares of stock, in the Virginia Female Institute at Lexington, do hereby covenant and agree, to and with each other, that we will act as stockholders in said Institute, that a majority of those of us who are present, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of stockholders, shall cast the entire vote in us; and that in case of a vacancy in our number, by death, resignation, or otherwise, we will fill such vacancy by the transfer of the stock into our names, and the names of other persons as at the next Convention of the Episcopal Church in Virginia, held after such vacancy occurs, may be decided by said Convention: and we do further covenant and agree with each other that in case of the death, resignation, or removal from this Diocese of either of us, the entire interest and share of the party who may die, resign or remove, shall become vested in the residue of us. Witness the following signatures and seals, May nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

done, sealed and delivered in open Convention.

S. H. LEWIS, [SEAL.]

ALEX'R BROWN, [SEAL.]

D. H. CONRAD, [SEAL.]

ED. T. TAYLOE, [SEAL.]

R. K. MEADE, [SEAL.]

CHARLES CARTER, [SEAL.]

THOS. S. GHOLSON, [SEAL.]

Attest, A. L. SEABURY, *Assistant Secretary*.

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund presented the following report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, in making their report to the Convention, with deep regret, the death



of one of the Trustees of the Fund, on the 4th of July last, and its late Treasurer, Washington C. Page, Esq. of Alexandria, who has, in this capacity as in other ways, most faithfully served the Church for many years. Edward C. Fletcher, Esq. of Alexandria, has been appointed a Trustee and Treasurer, *ad interim*, from whom the committee has received the following statement of the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave respectfully to present to the Convention as part of their report. They have examined the statement and found it to be correct; and, moreover, they believe that the fund is safely invested and judiciously managed.

CHARLES B. DANA, *Cha'n.*

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports, that since the last Convention he has purchased five shares of the Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, and five shares of the Bank of the Old Dominion stock, leaving a balance in his hands of seventy-four dollars and fifty cents, as per statement, viz:

| <i>Credits.</i>                                                                |   |   |                    |
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| Balance of cash on hand, reported May, 1854,                                   | - | - | \$4 50             |
| Dividends received from the Exchange Bank of Virginia,                         | - | - | 510 00             |
| Dividends received from the Farmers' Bank of Virginia,                         | - | - | 495 00             |
| Dividends received from the Bank of the Valley,                                | - | - | 95 00              |
| Dividends received from the Bank of the Old Dominion,                          | - | - | 20 00              |
|                                                                                |   |   | <u>\$1,124 50</u>  |
| <i>Charges.</i>                                                                |   |   |                    |
| To cash paid for five shares Bank of the Old Dominion stock, at \$105,         | - | - | \$525 00           |
| To cash paid for five shares of the Exchange Bank of Virginia stock, at \$105, | - | - | 525 00             |
| Balance on hand,                                                               | - | - | 74 50              |
|                                                                                |   |   | <u>1,124 50</u>    |
| The fund consists now of                                                       |   |   |                    |
| 65 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock,                                  | - | - | \$6,500 00         |
| 66 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock,                                  | - | - | 6,600 00           |
| 10 shares of the Bank of the Valley in Virginia stock,                         | - | - | 1,000 00           |
| 5 shares of the Bank of the Old Dominion stock,                                | - | - | 500 00             |
|                                                                                |   |   | <u>\$14,600 00</u> |
| Amount of the fund last year,                                                  | - | - | 13,604 50          |
| Increase,                                                                      | - | - | <u>\$995 50</u>    |

Respectfully submitted,

EDW'D C. FLETCHER, *Treasurer pro tem.*

ALEXANDRIA, May 12, 1855.

On motion, the appointment of Ed. C. Fletcher, Esq., by the Bishop of the Diocese, as a Trustee and Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, was confirmed.

On motion, the Secretary of the Convention was ordered to send to each clergyman as many printed forms of Parochial Reports, and of Certificates for Lay Delegates as there may be churches under his charge.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary have printed two thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention, and that he forward copies of the same to the various churches of this Diocese in proportion to the number of communicants reported by them.

The Committee of Finance made the following report:

The Committee of Finance have endeavored to discharge their duty, and are now prepared to report.

The Treasurer's account has been carefully examined, and after a due comparison of the vouchers with the debits, has been found to be correct.

The state of the Diocesan or Convention fund derived from an annual assessment of one dollar on each communicant, has received our special consideration. With proper attention, this fund ought to be sufficient fully to meet all that class of expenses for the discharge of which it was originally created. It would seem to be a moderate and reasonable tax, which ought to be promptly and cheerfully paid, and which from its small amount cannot incommode, except a very few in each congregation; and these in almost every instance being exempt from the pecuniary burthens of the parish, may, by a little extra effort, meet this small demand. Your committee observe with regret, that this year, as well as in preceding years, several churches and parishes have failed in whole or in part, to pay this tax, until the financial reports begin to present a serious amount of arrearages. In regard to some parishes, this may be explained by the want of pastors; in other instances it may be the fault of those whose duty it is to make the collections. Your committee cannot doubt that if the nature and design of this small assessment was properly explained, and some system and due diligence employed in its regular collection, it would be cheerfully acquiesced in, and very generally paid. It has occurred to your committee, that it would be well to make it the duty of our Treasurer during the recess, to correspond with the rector or vestry of every defaulting parish, and to urge the propriety

of expunging this stain from our records, and of making atonement, as far as may be, for past delinquency, by future punctuality.

The amount due to this fund for the present year, corresponds with the number of white communicants, as derived from the Parochial Reports, and is \$5793; to which add balances due for former years, \$334 12, making the total amount due \$6127 12.

The amount collected by the Treasurer, appears in his report, herewith presented, and marked "Exhibit B," to be \$5195 75, of which \$84 25 is on account of previous delinquencies. We have been requested to state, that in last year's report Trinity and Calloway Churches, Nelson County, were erroneously returned delinquent.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. H. LEWIS, *Cha'n.*

P. S.—Accompanying this report will be found a list of the delinquent churches and parishes (marked "Exhibit C,") for the years 1854 and 1855—earlier delinquencies being omitted.

There may be errors in this statement after all the care which the Committee has taken to avoid them. Any such errors or omissions can be corrected by the Treasurer, Wm. H. Hubbard, Esq., of Richmond, who will correspond with all those reported to be in default.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend divine service.

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*Half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention assembled after recess.

Bishop Johns in the Chair.

The Committee on the Virginia Female Institute, to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer, of the fund for the purchase of the Institute, reported that they had examined and found the same to be correct.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That our Diocesan Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to address, as soon after the adjournment of this Con-

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vention as conveniently he can, a circular to each rector or vestry of a parish, which is delinquent in the payment of their quota to the Episcopal or Contingent Fund, calling attention to the fact of their delinquency, and soliciting a speedy adjustment thereof.

The Committee on Parochial Reports presented a synopsis of the same, together with the following report:

The Committee on Parochial Reports, would respectfully state, that they have had submitted to them one hundred and eighteen reports, the examination of which presents the results contained in a synopsis herewith furnished.

G. S. CARRAWAY, *Cha'n.*

#### SYNOPSIS FOR 1855.

|                                                      |                                                               |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Baptisms—                                            | { White adults, 97<br>Colored adults, 20 }                    | Total 117.   |
| Baptisms—                                            | { White infants, 642<br>Colored infants, 88 }                 | Total 730.   |
|                                                      | { Added—White, 603; Colored, 44; Total, 647.<br>Removed, 319. |              |
| Communicants                                         | { Withdrawn, 24.<br>Suspended, 9.<br>Died, 88.                |              |
| Whole number of commu-<br>nicants as far as reported | { White, 5793<br>Colored, 224 }                               | Total, 6017. |
| Confirmations,                                       | { White, 412,<br>Colored, 17, }                               | Total 429.   |
| Marriages,                                           | { White, 256,<br>Colored, 71, }                               | Total, 327.  |
| Funerals,                                            | { White, 599,<br>Colored, 109, }                              | Total, 708.  |
| Families, as far as reported,                        | 2358.                                                         |              |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,                             | 678.                                                          |              |
| Scholars,                                            | 3856.                                                         |              |

Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church,  
\$36,423 03.

The source from which the above is drawn, does not give in every particular a true state of the church, as is evident from the returns of confirmations made by the Bishops and those furnished to the committee by the parishes, the former exceeding the latter forty-four. It is also seen in the reported number of families of the present year, being less than the past.

Although the amount of contributions compares very favorably with former reports to this body, it is believed it is largely more than that stated. Two among the largest congregations, whose contributions to the cause of religion and the Church have heretofore reached the sum of seven thousand dollars, as their respective reports show, have this year failed to state in their communications to the Convention, what they have done in this particular. There are also a number of the smaller parishes, which will appear on the journal as having done nothing towards helping on the cause of the Redeemer. An increased attention to the making up of Parochial Reports is absolutely necessary to attain a correct view of the condition of the Diocese.

The Committee on the State of the Church, presented the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Church, in their review of the dealings of God with this portion of his heritage, would desire gratefully to recognize those indications of his goodness, which during the past year have been exhibited. We are not, indeed, permitted to record the fulfilment of many prayerful anticipations indulged at our last meeting, that an abundant and awakening outpouring of the spirit of grace would be vouchsafed to our congregations. Here and there the first drops, promises we trust of the coming floods upon the dry ground, have blessed the efforts and prayers of certain portions of our Diocese. But the general average, thus far, shows but little proportion in results to the labors put forth to their accomplishment. We have not increased. Our new membership barely replaces those who have gone. Precious souls, any one of which would more than counterbalance all our labors, have been gathered into the fold of Christ. But as a whole, the Church is still waiting. The blessing which must and will come, has not yet been granted. And while hardly venturing to hope, and yet not daring to despond, we would ask, in deep solicitude: "Lord how long;" we would remember that our work is his own, and that in his time it will be fully accomplished. His word, and power, and grace are pledged to that effect. And he, out of apparently the most discouraging circumstances, can work for his cause and people a mighty deliverance.

That such manifestation of his grace may be in store for us,

we would hope from one or two prevalent indications. It is grateful to know that the feelings of interest existing twelve months ago, have not experienced diminution. The current of such feeling has deepened and widened. From conference with each other, as also with brethren lay and clerical, the committee rejoice to believe that the statement thus made is well founded; that there is a profound and extending conviction of a great want now existing; that this conviction of need is not only coupled with a desire for its removal, but with one for an increased and special manifestation of the Spirit's divine influences. We regard these convictions and desires as an earnest and pledge of that which they anticipate. When God would abundantly bless his Church, he ordinarily prepares it for the reception of this blessing, by giving it a spirit of increased prayer and supplication. When spiritual necessity is thus fully realised, the richness and all-sufficiency of divine grace to its removal are best appreciated; the people of God are best prepared not only for the thankful reception of this grace, but for its faithful improvement.

Coincident with this fact are some others of a grateful character. The supply of ministers and candidates, while not yet by any means coming up to the wants of the Church and the world, has increased upon that of the last four or five years. Our Professors at the Seminary have by this fact received encouragement, as also by the continued prosperity and general acceptance of the institution under their care. Our Church throughout the Diocese, and at large, in its increased appreciation of the labors of these brethren, and its confidence in the Seminary afford token of its future usefulness and prosperity. As one evidence of such appreciation, may be mentioned the generous donation of four thousand dollars from a gentleman of Philadelphia for the erection of a suitable fire-proof library, and the assurance received, that whatever may be required to its completion has been secured. Sharing with this institution in its prosperity, is that for christian education in its immediate neighborhood, the High School. As a nursery for the Seminary as also affording an opportunity for youthful education under christian influence, the latter of these institutions is well deserving of the regard and attention of parents in our communion. While every effort has been made to supply all educa-

tional facilities, and it is believed that the High School will compare with any similar institution in our land, it is no less certain that in moral and religious influences, its neighborhood is unequalled. Upon these facts it ground its claims to the encouragement of our people, and it is gratifying to know that the force of these claims has been practically recognised.

The attention of your committee has been called to one or two other facts, at this time, of a specially interesting character. A brief notice of these will perhaps best enable us to perform the duty for which we were appointed.

One of these facts is the definiteness which the idea of lay influence and effort for Christ's work is assuming. This idea, of course, has always been admitted in some of its forms, to be in accordance with the spirit and design of the gospel dispensation; to be, in fact, demanded for the healthful advancement of Christ's kingdom. In too many periods, however, this idea, clearly held as a matter of theory, has had but little practical operation. Every thing which has the effect of rendering such idea distinct and definite, and of thus making it practically operative, should be gladly welcomed. The members of Christ's spiritual body, lay as well as clerical, have each their appropriate sphere of action to the advancement of his kingdom. These spheres are not the spiritual wholly for one, and only the temporal for the other. They are, or ought to be, helpers of each others joy, helpers one of another in every good work. The success of ministerial labor is only fully ensured when that success comes through the sympathy, and efforts, and prayers of an awakened and earnest laity. At the same time from such an existing laity will there spontaneously develop itself an abundant and effective ministry. Your committee have been gratified to know that facts indicative of the prevalence and increasing depth of such convictions are not wanting in our Diocese. And while in all thankfulness we should recognise the origin of these convictions in the spirit of all grace, it should be our effort and prayer to give them wider and more effective operation. Among the various modes in which this end has been sought, and which seems well calculated to secure it, is one which has been incidentally suggested in one of the devotional meetings of this Convention: the social prayer meeting, minister and laymen, or laymen alone when the minister is

ment, meeting together for prayer and supplication. In almost every congregation there is an inner circle, an earnest praying minority, the few it may be even in Sardis, whose garments are not defiled, to whom this subject commends itself as one of special interest and importance. Under God we depend upon this minority—and however small it may be—of earnest praying communicants, not only for the reviving and refreshing showers of divine grace in seasons like the present of spiritual drought and depression, but for those influences upon which depend the permanent and symmetrical growth and expansion of Christ's kingdom. Christians of this class are always strengthened by being brought together in sympathetic association. They are thus enabled to know their own strength in the strength of Him upon whom they rely, are enabled to feel individually that they are not alone in their desires, and hopes, and earnest supplications. Whether such result be secured in the manner thus indicated, or in others, it is alike a subject of devout thanksgiving. Whether it be in the social prayer meeting, in active co-operation with the pastor in his works of love for the ignorant, the sick, and the destitute; in the labors of the Sunday School, in concentrated effort, and self denial, and contribution of means for the advance of Christ's kingdom at home or abroad; in active co-operation in those great schemes of christian benevolence, in which brethren of other names, but of the same heavenly family, combine with us, to the furtherance of common objects, or in special effort for the spread of correct views among ourselves as to the gospel embodied in our standards and services, in each and all alike, these efforts contain the same token for good, and their increase should be seriously considered, and striven for by Christ's professed people.

In thus speaking of the desirableness of deep sympathy, and zeal, and co-operation, on the part of the laity, in the matters indicated above, we are led naturally to a subject which, in many minds, is now assuming an aspect of great importance: the propriety of certain changes by which the services and machinery of our Church may become better adapted to the genius and character of the community in which we live. Of course, the questions whether any legislation to this effect be desirable, what it shall be, and how far it shall go, if raised in this Convention, would not properly be so, through the report of this



committee. As an interesting fact, however, the matter has seemed to demand this allusion. And your committee would see in these movements, and in the discussions which they have called forth, important admissions, elsewhere, to the correctness of certain positions long held by our own Diocese, as indisputable. The mere fact, moreover, of a sense of existing deficiency in ourselves, in our instruments, or in both realized and confessed, as is done in this case, is the natural opening and avenue to advance in the right direction. After the discussions, and prayers, and serious consideration of the last, and the next eighteen months, it will be difficult for the Church to go back to the position occupied prior to the distinct raising of these issues. Whether that advance be made in legislative action or in a higher appreciation and more effective use of existing agencies, we would trust that the Great Head of the Church will overrule and bless it to the building up of His kingdom. It may be important, however, to remark in this connection that the discretion usually claimed in this Diocese has been claimed as a discretion under the sanction of church law, that latitude which finds its limit in a conscientious and reasonable interpretation of these laws, under any set of existing circumstances. And it would be a cause of regret should any change be proposed or carried out, which by specification of freedom, in certain cases, would seem to forbid it in others, where, now, it is admitted to have existence.

In conclusion, your committee feel impelled to bring forward another topic, already up more than once, to the notice of the Convention: the unexpected and alarming deficiency in pecuniary supplies for the cause of Missions, especially those of the foreign field. A fact like this in the state of the Church should not be passed over lightly, and without painful reflection. It is not in connection with the mode of supply for the present distress, that suggested by the Special Committee or any other, that we would now approach this subject. God, who found a lamb for himself, as an offering when Abraham's faith had been sufficiently tested, will be able, also, in this emergency, when He has sufficiently humbled us for our sin, to provide for the wants of His servants laboring among the heathen. We should look beyond this present necessity to the future wants of the Church in this respect; upon the widening field opening before

her laborers; the increased contribution, and effort, and self-denial demanded from ourselves to sustain them. And we should look back and within, and find out, not the misfortune or mistake but the sinful self-indulgence, and want of love to Christ and to the souls for which he died in which this deficiency has originated. Plans, doubtless, may be suggested providing for the present and looking to the future. It would be well if the monthly concerts of prayer and of collection which have died out in many congregations were revived. More systematic modes of collection by church officers and of contributions by members might, in many communities, be adopted. It would also be exceedingly desirable that the young, the children in our Sunday schools, should be taught to feel an interest in this cause, to pray for it, and to give of their own money for its advancement. But your committee believe that, under existing circumstances, there is an all-important preliminary to every thing of this character. God has humbled us by revealing this deficiency, and we must become deeply humbled before Him if we would desire its removal. Each one in the silence of his own heart must ascertain his own, and his full share of the sin which has covered us with confusion. When thus humbled we may reasonably hope to be exalted, and such exaltation can only be safely granted, under the circumstances of the case, in view of such thorough humiliation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Convention having resolved to proceed to ballot for the Standing Committee, the following gentlemen were found to be elected such Committee for the ensuing conventional year:

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. C. B. Dana,            | Dr. Orlando Fairfax, |
| Rev. William Sparrow, D. D. | John Hooff, Esq.     |
| Rev. James T. Johnston,     | Cassius F. Lee, Esq. |

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society for the ensuing conventional year:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.  | Rev. J. Peterkin,       |
| Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D. | Rev. George Woodbridge, |
| Rev. H. S. Kepler,         |                         |

John O. Steger, Esq., *Secretary*,  
John L. Bacon, Esq., *Treasurer*.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Lexington, for their hospitable entertainment of its members.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the ministers of this town, who offered their churches to the clergy of this body.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Convention was ordered to pay the expenses of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of this Convention.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay fifteen dollars to the Treasurer of the Vestry of Grace Church, Lexington.

The Secretary read the Journal of the day's proceedings.

On motion, the Convention adjourned after appropriate religious exercises, to meet in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, the third Wednesday in May, 1856.

WILLIAM MEADE, D. D., *President*  
*of the Convention and Bishop of the Diocese of Va.*

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Secretary*.

A. L. SEABURY, *Assistant Secretary*.

## APPENDIX NO. I.

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### A.

#### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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##### ACCOMAC COUNTY.

*St. James', St. George's, and St. Michael's Churches.*

REV. WILLIAM J. ZIMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 9; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 56. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; colored, 4; total, 10. Confirmations, 6. Funerals, 3. Contributions—alms, \$21 59. Contingent Expenses, \$17 95; Domestic Missions, \$20 09. Foreign Missions, \$15 69. Missions in the Diocese, \$33 59. Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, \$4 41. Bishop-White Prayer Book Society, \$4 25. Contingent Fund, \$34 00. Total, \$151 48. Post Office, Onancock, Accomac county.

##### ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

*St. Anne's Parish, Howardsville Church.*

REV. WILLIAM M. NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2. Present number, white, 4. Foreign Missions, \$10. Diocesan Missions, \$4. Total, \$14.

*St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church.*

REV. WILLIAM M. NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 1. Present number, white, 29. Baptisms—infants, 1. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Families, 16. Foreign Missions, \$122 40. Diocesan Missions, \$29. Communion alms, \$28 12. General contributions, \$183 62. Total, \$363 11. Post Office, Scottsville.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville.***R. K. MEADE, Rector.**

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1. Present number, 90. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Sunday Schools, 2. White teachers, 10; scholars, 50; colored teachers, 2; scholars, 65. Families, 55. Foreign Missions, \$368; Diocesan Missions, \$18. Communion alms, \$109. General contributions, \$811 50. Total, \$1306 50. Post Office, Charlottesville.

*Fredericksville Parish, Buck Mountain Church.***REV. D. C. T. DAVIS, Rector.**

Communicants—present number, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 1. Families, 14. Foreign Missions, \$15. General contributions, \$8. Total, \$23. Post Office, Charlottesville.

*Fredericksville Parish, St. Paul's Church.***REV. D. C. T. DAVIS, Rector.**

Communicants—added, 1. Present number, 23. Baptisms—infants, 3. Confirmed, 1. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 30. Families, 24. Domestic Missions, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$33; Diocesan Missions, \$5. General contributions, \$37. Total, \$80. Post Office, Charlottesville.

*University of Virginia.***REV. WILLIAM D. HANSON, Chaplain.**

The religious condition of the University during the current session, may be reported as prosperous. While the special tokens of God's favor, in the turning of many to the Lord, have been withheld, and while some who began well, have gone back to the world, we would thankfully record the continued interest felt in the General Students' Prayer Meeting; also, in the five or six prayer meetings of a more private nature, which, during the week, are faithfully attended. To this must be added the good order and studious spirit which have prevailed.

A few zealous ones have commenced operations on the neighboring mountains. They meet with encouraging success. About fifty children have been gathered into a Sunday School,

and some sixty destitute and ignorant families have been visited. Other similar opportunities of usefulness elsewhere are made use of, in the form of Sunday Schools and meetings of servants.

Only one student has united himself with the Episcopal Church. Six others have joined various Christian Churches.

*Walker's Parish, Grace Church.*

E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 3. Present number, 25. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Contributions, \$53 59. Post Office, Cobham Depot.

A new and very excellent church has been completed, and consecrated in this parish within the year.

ALEXANDRIA.

*Fairfax Parish, Christ Church.*

CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, 22, (10 from other cures,) removed, 9; died, 11. Present number, 132, of whom 126 are white, and 6 are colored persons. Baptisms—white infants, 25; colored infants, 7; total, 32. Confirmed 22. Marriages, white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Funerals, 22. Sunday School—teachers, 18; scholars, 110. Families, 85. Contributions—Foreign Missions, \$175; Domestic Missions, \$50; to Texas, \$55; Diocesan Missions, \$200; Female Benevolent Society, \$246; Communion alms, \$163; Chapel at West End, \$100; Convention Fund, \$126; Colonization Society, \$35; Theological Seminary Fund, \$50; other objects, \$100. Total \$1300.

REMARKS.—The general condition of this parish is a prosperous one. During the last year a beautiful and commodious Lecture and Sunday School building has been erected at an expense of about three thousand dollars. And a short time previous, accommodations for at least one hundred and thirty additional persons were obtained in the church, by increasing the number of pews on the ground floor and in the galleries.

The church is warmed by a furnace in the cellar, which has been excavated for the purpose; and both church and lecture room are lighted with gas.

The Sunday School, including a large class of young ladies, and one of youths, is in a flourishing condition. The contribu-

tions to the cause of religion and the Church have been larger than usual; as has been also the general attendance on the services of the Church on Sundays and during the week.

*Fairfax Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

REV. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 12; removed, 8; died, 2. Present number, white, 153; colored, 3; total, 156. Baptisms—infants, 20. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 6. Funerals, 12. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 20; scholars, 158. Contributions, \$1011 37. Post Office, Alexandria.

AMELIA COUNTY.

*Raleigh Parish, Grub Hill Church.*

REV. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 3; suspended, 1. Present number, white, 27; colored, 1; total, 28. Baptisms—infants, 2. Marriages, 2. Funerals, white, 8; colored, 3; total, 11. Families, 16. Contributions, \$95. Post Office, Winterham, Amelia.

AMHERST COUNTY.

*Lexington Parish, Ascension, St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Churches.*

REV. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; died, 2; removed, 4; withdrawn, 2; suspended, 2; total, 71. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 11; colored infants, 9; total, 22. Marriages, white, 7; colored, 2; total, 9. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 15; Scholars, 60. Families, 40. Foreign Missions, \$50. Parochial schools \$34. Communion alms \$18. General contributions, \$112; total, \$214. Post Office, Amherst Court-house.

REMARKS.—Since September last, the congregation at Pedlar Mills has been under the charge of Rev. Wm. J. Lynd, Rector of Trinity church, Bedford county, who preaches for them twice a month. I now preach at four different points in this parish, viz: Ascension church, (Court House); St. Mark's church, (New Glasgow); St. Matthew's and Ivy Hill churches.

*St. Luke's Church, Amherst Parish.*

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 20. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Number of families, 11. Number adults, 26; infants or children, 14. Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$10. About \$600 has been subscribed for repairing the church. The collections for Church purposes will take place during the summer. This accounts for nothing having been gathered for missions and other cures.

## AUGUSTA COUNTY.

*Augusta Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 22; removed, 6; died, 1; present number, white, 100; colored, 4; total, 104. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 14; colored infants, 4; total, 19. Confirmed—white, 16. Marriages—white, 5; colored, 6; total, 11. Funerals—white, 10; colored, 7; total, 17. Sunday Schools; teachers, 19; scholars, 113; families, 70. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$356. Post Office, Staunton.

*Boyden Chapel.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; Died, 1; present number, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 9. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 5. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$2 75; foreign, \$2 75; total, \$5 50. Post Office, Staunton, Augusta county.

## BEDFORD COUNTY.

*Heber Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; died, 3; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, colored, 1. Funerals, white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 40; families, 21. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$83; Diocesan, \$18; Communion alms, \$20; general contributions, \$40; total, \$161. Contingent fund, \$32; total, \$193. Post Office, Big Island.



REMARKS.—Rev. Jno. A. Wharton officiates in this Church half his time.

*West Russell Parish, St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; Died, 1; Removed, 1; Present number, white, 17. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 3. Families, 7. Contributions for Church purposes, \$24. Post Office, Big Island.

REMARKS.—The Rev. Jno. A. Wharton continues to officiate at this church very acceptably, about one-third of his time.

*Russell Parish, Bedford County.*

Rev. W. J. LYND, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Families, 12—adults, 39; infants, 24.

Amount collected for the different institutions of the Church, \$28 50.

*Hamner Parish, St. Stephen's Church.*

Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 6; withdrawn, 2; died, 2; present number—white, 47. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed—white, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals—white, 4; colored, 3; total, 7. Families, 23. Contributions for Church purposes, \$175. Post Office, Forest Depot, Bedford county.

BERKELEY COUNTY.

*Norborne Parish, Trinity Church.*

Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 2; removed, 4; present number, white, 40. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 7; colored, 2; total, 10. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 8. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 64; total, 74. Families, 24. Post Office, Martinsburg, Berkeley county.

REMARKS.—The late Rector, Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, resigned his charge in March last, and has removed out of the Diocese.

which time, until within a few weeks, there have been as by the subscriber as lay reader on the usual days for s; but recently the *Rev. Charles Howard of Maryland*, at Bishop's instance, has been officiating in this Parish and at esville, as well as at Lee Town, Smithfield and Bunker's and very faithfully on his part, and very acceptably to our s, who have already learned to love him; he will labor g us until we are supplied with a Minister, which we hope all be by July. We have experienced the usual trouble in g a successor to our late respected Pastor—(whose health d him to relinquish his pastoral charge)—but happily, we w in a fair way to procure a Pastor who will keep together, uild up our Church in Martinsburg—a very excellent field or for a devoted active clergyman.

D. H. CONRAD, *Chairman of the Vestry.*

*Hedgesville Parish.*

mmunicants—present number, white, 2; died, 1; total, 3. MARKS.—This is a small Chapel belonging to Hedgesville i which needs attention, but is not at present flourishing.

D. H. CONRAD.

*Mount Zion Church, Norborne Parish.*

mmunicants—present number, white, 59. Baptisms, 8. rmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; rs, 8; scholars, 40; total, 48.

MARKS.—This Church has been without a Rector since Mr. Sprigg's resignation. The subscriber officiated as lay on the usual days of service in Mount Zion Church, un- Rev. Charles Howard of Maryland came, at the request. shop Meade, to officiate in this and the adjoining Parishes; which time he has, to the great satisfaction of the people, ied for them from time to time.

D. H. CONRAD, *Lay Delegate.*

*Report of Rev. D. Francis Sprigg.*

the first day of March, I resigned my Rectorship of the es in Berkeley county. I was induced to this step, sim- i account of an affection of my eyes. In the goodness of

God, they seem now to be nearly restored, and I trust soon to be at work again. I have been assisting the Rev. Dr. Balch of Christ Church, Baltimore, since the first of April.

### BOTETOURT COUNTY.

*Woodville Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; Suspended, 1; Present number, white, 3. Baptisms—white, infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 7. Marriages, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 6. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 42. Families, 22. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$16; foreign, \$25 50; Diocesan, \$34 35; Communion alms, \$27 54; General contributions, \$25; total, \$128 39. Post Office, Pattonsburg.

*Botetourt Parish, St. Mark's Church.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5; removed, 4; present number, white, 30; colored, 2; total, 32. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; white infants, 1; colored adults, 2; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 45. Families, 20. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$19; Diocesan, \$29 50; Communion alms, \$25; total, \$83 50. Post Office, Pattonsburg.

### BROOKE COUNTY.

*Wellsburg Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, late Rector.

Communicants—removed, 6; died, 1; present number, white, 10; families, 5. Post Office, Wellsburg.

REMARKS.—I resigned the Church of this Parish the first of April last, and have accepted a call to Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish.

*Brooke Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. S. D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; present number, white, 42.

ms—white adults, 2; white infants, 7; total, 9. Con-, white, 5. Marriages, white, 2; Funerals, white, 2; ies, 14. Post Office, Wellsburg.

MARKS.—I resigned the charge of this Parish on the first il last, and have accepted an invitation to Grace Church, swood Parish.

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

*Andrew's Parish, St. Andrew's and Trinity Churches, and Wilkins' Chapel.*

Rev. B. FRANKLIN MOWER, Rector.

municants—added, colored, 1; present number, white, 41; 1, 19; total, 60. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 4; scho- 4. Families, 20. Contributions for Church purposes— sions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$10; Communion alms, ; total, \$26 70. Post Office, Lawrenceville.

MARKS.—The above report is from the 17th of March of ar, when the present Rector entered upon the duties of arge.

### BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

municants—added, white, 3; removed, 1: suspended, 1; it number, white, 26; colored, 2; total, 28. Baptisms— infants, 1. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 3; total, 4. Fu-, 3; colored 4; total, 7. Families, 16. Contributions for h purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$5; foreign, \$10; an, \$10; Parochial schools, \$10; Communion alms, \$15; d contributions, \$26; total, \$76. Post Office, Curdsville.

### CAMPBELL COUNTY.

*Moore Parish, St. John's Church.*

municants—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Baptisms— infants, 3. Contributions—contingent fund, \$10.

MARKS.—The undersigned has preached occasionally to this h during the past year. It is in contemplation to unite loanoke Church in Charlotte county, in the employment

of a minister. The two churches combined will afford an interesting field of labor to a zealous minister of the gospel.

WM. H. KINCKLE.

*St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.*

Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 33; removed, 11; died, 4; ordained, 1; total, 189, of whom 4 are colored. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 27; colored, 1; total, 32. Confirmations, 41. Marriages, 11; two of which were of colored persons. Funerals, 19. Contributions about \$1000, the particulars of which are not accurately enumerated.

REMARKS.—A Sunday School for colored persons was opened last fall, which has thus far been well attended, and promises to be very useful. The white Sunday School was organized this spring into a Missionary Society, with very encouraging results. For the measure of Divine blessing granted during another year to his ministry, the Rector desires to be devoutly thankful.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

*Grace Church.*

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, white, 15; added, white, 5, (from another parish,) removed, white, 2. Present number, white, 19. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 1. Confirmed, white, 7. Marriages, 1. Families, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$29.

REMARKS.—I resigned the charge of this congregation in April.

*St. Margaret's Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1. Present number, white, 30. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 9. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$1 75; foreign, \$7 50; total, \$9 25. Post Office, Mount Pleasant, Spottsylvania.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal.*

Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 3. Present number, white, 36. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 4. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, \$150. Post Office, Port Royal.

## CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

*Westover Parish.*

Rev. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; died, 2. Present number, white, 45. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 5; total, 9. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 5; colored, 4; total, 9. Families, 29. Amount of money contributed to the cause of religion and the church, \$352 50. In addition to this amount, the sum of \$2300 has been subscribed for the erection of a church edifice in the place of one destroyed on last Christmas day by fire. Post Office, Charles City Court House.

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

*Cornwall Parish, Roanoke Church.*

This Church is still without a minister. The Rev. W. Kinkle has occasionally officiated for us. We hope to effect an arrangement with St. John's Church, in Campbell, by which we shall have services once a month. There are ten communicants belonging to this Church, a portion of whom are reported for the present as connected with St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg. Contributions to Foreign Missions, \$25.

H. CARRINGTON, *Lay Delegate.*

## CHESTERFIELD AND POWHATAN COUNTIES.

*Dale and King William Parishes, Trinity and Manikintown Churches.*

Rev. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, colored, 2; died, 1. Present number, white, 17; colored, 4; total, 21. Baptisms—colored adults, 2;

colored infants, 1; total, 3. Marriages, colored, 2. Funerals, white, 6; colored, 6; total, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church \$100. Post Office, Winterpock, Chesterfield county.

## CLARKE COUNTY.

### *Wickliffe Parish, Wickliffe Church.*

Rev. JOHN D. POWELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; from other cures, 2; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 19. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; total, 5. Funerals, white, 3; colored, 3; total, 6. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 25. Families, 12. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, diocesan, \$5. Parochial schools, \$7 61. Communion alms, \$2 98. General contributions, \$15; total, \$30 59. Post Office, Kabletown, Jefferson county.

REMARKS.—The Rector took charge of this parish on the second Sunday in February last. His report embraces the details of the parish since the report of former Rector. The rectory has been placed in a completed condition; the cost of building and repairs being about seventeen hundred dollars. The subscriber cannot but express his gratitude for all the kindness shown him by his people, and prays God's best blessings upon them.

### *Clarke Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 19; colored, 2; total, 21; died, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4; removed, 4; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1. Present number, white, 96; colored, 7; total, 103. Baptisms—white adults, 6; white infants, 5; colored infants, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, white, 15; colored, 3; total, 18. Marriages, white, 6; colored, 4; total, 10. Funerals, white, 12; colored, 5; total, 17. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 14; Scholars, 60. Families, 54. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$50 50; foreign, \$108 50; Diocesan, \$42 65; communion alms, \$76 42; general contributions \$284 17; total, \$562 24. Post Office, Berryville, Clarke county.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; present number, white, 64; colored, 1; total, 65. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, colored, 1. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 6; scholars, 60. Families, 35. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$160; diocesan, \$100; parochial schools, \$100; communion alms, \$50; general contributions, \$500; total, \$760. Post Office, Millwood, Clarke county.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Lyttleton Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 3; present number, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages, colored, 1; Funerals, white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 12; scholars, 30. Families, 9. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$5; foreign, \$70 08; diocesan, \$37 87; parochial schools, \$5; communion alms, \$15; general contributions, \$98 69; total, \$231 64. Post Office, Curdsville, Buckingham.

*Lyttleton Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 2; present number, white, 15. Funerals, white, 1; Families, 9. Contributions for church purposes, \$28; for Missions, foreign, \$10; parochial schools, 14; communion alms, \$19; total, \$43. Post Office, Columbia.

## DINWIDDIE COUNTY.

*Bath Parish, Sapony Church.*

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—died, 1; present number, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 13. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$20. Post Office, Dinwiddie Court House.



*Bath Parish, Calloway Church.*

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 7. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 3; scholars, 10. Families, 6. For painting church, \$50. Post Office, Dinwiddie Court House.

## ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

*Elizabeth City Parish, St John's Church.*

Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 55. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 7; scholars, 30. Families, 21. Contributions for church purposes—convention fund, \$55; for Missions, foreign, \$18 50; diocesan, \$22 23; communion alms, \$89 04; general contributions, \$29 25; total, \$214 02. Post Office, Hampton, Elizabeth City county.

*Centurion Church.*

Rev. MARK L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 4; present number, white, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored infants, 1; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 2,\* Marriages, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 30. Families, 22. Contributions for church purposes—contingent fund, \$22; for Missions, domestic, \$77 50; diocesan, \$10; general contributions, \$462 72; total, \$562 72. Post Office, Old Point.

REMARKS.—An organ which cost \$400 has been purchased and paid for, and in addition to which, nearly \$400 subscribed towards the building of a Chapel, for which we would gladly and thankfully receive assistance from the members and friends of our church in the Diocese.

## ESSEX COUNTY.

*St. Anne's Parish, Vauter's Church.*

Rev. E. B. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; present number,

\* Confirmed in St. Paul's and Christ Churches, Norfolk.

white, 24; colored, 2; total, 26. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Families, 23. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$28 35; diocesan, \$22 87; communion alms, \$10 56; general contributions, \$42 56; total, \$88 78. Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

*South Farnham Parish, St. Paul's and St. John's Churches.*

Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 46; Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 4; total, 5. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 9; scholars, 56. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$20; foreign, \$66 50; general contributions, \$85 07; total, \$171 57.

**FAUQUIER COUNTY.**

*Hamilton Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. G. H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; present number, white, 63. Baptisms—white infants, 5. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 2, total, 5. Funerals, white, 8, colored, 2, total, 10. Sunday Schools—teachers, 8, scholars, 40. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$5; foreign, \$30; Communion alms, \$70; general contributions, \$90, total, \$195. Post Office, Warrenton.

REMARKS.—The state of this Church, with regard to religious interest and general prosperity, has not declined during the past year.

*Meade Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 1; present number, white, 14. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 10. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$10; Communion alms, \$15.—Post Office, Middleburg, Loudoun county.

REMARKS.—The Rector takes pleasure in mentioning, that through the kindness of one or two friends, who only reside in this Parish during the summer months, aided by the efforts of

the parishioners; the church at Upperville has undergone a thorough repair during the past year, and is now a very neat and comfortable house of worship.

*Piedmont Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. C. H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 10; total, 11. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 3; teachers, 7; scholars, 60. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$32 50; foreign, \$38; Parochial schools, 10; general contributions, \$72—total, \$152 50. Post Office, Piedmont Station.

REMARKS.—By the liberality and energy of a few gentlemen, a church has been built in a part of the Parish which has heretofore been destitute of the services of the Church; and is now ready for consecration.

*Leeds Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 30. Families, 9. General contributions, \$30. Post Office, Markham's Station.

REMARKS.—I entered upon my duties in this Parish on Easter Sunday last, and this report dates only from that period.

FLUVANNA COUNTY.

*Rivanna Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. OLCOTT BULKLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 4; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 20; colored, 2—total, 22. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 22. Contributions for church purposes, \$125—for Missions, domestic, \$103; foreign, \$10; diocesan, \$8; communion alms, \$22—total, \$143. Post Office, Columbia.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

*Franklin Parish.*

Communicants—removed, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 10. Funerals, white, 1.

REMARKS.—This Parish is still without a Rector or any regular services. The Rev. George W. Dame has visited this Parish twice, and the Rev. John R. Lee, of North Carolina, once, since the last Convention.

HUGH NELSON, *Register of the Vestry.*

#### FREDERICK COUNTY.

*Frederick Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Middletown.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—removed 1; suspended 1; present number, white, 10. Confirmed, white, 1. Contributions for church purposes, \$10.

#### FREDERICKSBURG.

*St. George's Parish, St. George's Church.*

Rev. E. C. MCGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; died, 5; removed, 16; present number, white, 140. Baptisms—white infants, 5. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 9. Sunday schools, 3; teachers, 25; scholars, 150. Families, 110. Contributions for church purposes, \$950. Post Office, Fredericksburg.

REMARKS.—Though the bread of adversity has been given us the past year, yet has the Lord dispensed amongst us also the bread of life. Our Church was partially consumed by fire in July last. It has, however, been repaired with renovated beauty and convenience. Spacious side galleries have been erected, furnishing, with the ground floor, sittings for about 800 persons. In this time souls have been added to the Church, of such as, we trust, will be forever saved.

#### GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes.*

Rev. CHAS. MANN, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 4; present number, white, 42. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 10; total, 11. Funerals, white infants, 1. Families and parts of families, 40. Con-

tributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$25; foreign, \$20; Diocesan, \$12 50; Communion alms, \$24; general contributions, \$80; total, \$161 50. Post Office, Gloucester Court House.

**REMARKS.**—The Rector has been disabled, by a fall, from performing, with any thing like activity, his parochial duties, hence the meagerness of his report.

### GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

*Meherrin Parish, Christ and Grace Churches.*

Rev. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—added white, 3; colored, 5; total, 8. Removed, 4. Present number, white, 30; colored, 38; total, 68. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored adults, 1; total, 5. Marriages, white, 6; colored, 3; total, 9. Funerals, white, 3; colored, 4; total, 7. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 16. Families, 10. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$37 50; foreign, \$29 50; Communion alms, \$6 83; general contributions, \$69 66; total, \$143 49. Post Office, Hicksford.

**REMARKS.**—Five candidates (colored) are awaiting the Episcopal visitation, to receive confirmation.

### HANOVER COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Parish, Immanuel Church.*

Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 22. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 20; Families, 10. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$10; Diocesan, \$10; Communion alms, \$8; general contributions, \$100; total, \$138. Post Office, Old Church.

*St. Martin's Parish, Fork Church.*

H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; present number, white, 51. Confirmed, white, 5. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 30. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions,

domestic, \$7; foreign, \$77 77; total, \$84 77. Post Office, Verdon, Hanover county.

REMARKS.—I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish on the 1st November last, and feel truly thankful in saying, that I have met with a cordial reception on the part of my own people, while a kind and most liberal spirit has been manifested towards me, by christian brethren of other denominations. I trust we may look forward to much good. My salary is not only paid punctually, but in advance.

*St. Paul's Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

JOHN COOKE, Officiating.

Communicants—added, 1; died, 1; total, 8 white. Funerals, 1 white. Families, 9. Collections for church purposes, \$108.

REMARKS.—Since the last Convention, this congregation has been thoroughly organized by the election of a Vestry. The church has been finished and put in neat and comfortable order, at an expense of some three or four hundred dollars—and a handsome Communion set purchased for its use. The congregation is yet small; but regular in their attendance and responses improving. Not being able to meet the congregation lately in consequence of sickness—the collections for charitable purposes have not been completed. Post Office, Ætna, Hanover county.

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Roanoke Parish.*

JOHN T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6—present number, white, 18; colored, 7; total, 25. Baptisms—white adults, 2; colored adults, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Marriages, white, 2. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Families, 15. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$10; Diocesan, \$20; general contributions, \$172; total, \$212. Post Office, Talcott, Charlotte co.

REMARKS.—The Parish is decidedly improving, and the prospects of the church better than they have been for many years, although our contributions are smaller this year than usual.

The reason of this is, we are building a handsome and commodious church, which for the present requires all our means.

*Antrim Parish.*

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 84; colored, 23; total, 107. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 9; colored adults, 1; total, 11. Confirmed, white, 12; colored, 1; total, 13. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 9; colored, 3; total, 12. Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 10; scholars, 66. Families, 45. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$4; foreign, \$189 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; diocesan, \$182 71; parochial schools, \$80 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; communion alms, \$85 56; general contributions, \$759 36; total, \$1301 33. Post Office, Halifax Court House.

HENRY COUNTY.

*Patrick Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. A. WADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 16; Baptisms—white adults, 2. Confirmed, white, 3. Funerals, 2. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$11; diocesan, \$19 20; general contributions, \$50; total, \$80 20.

REMARKS.—The Rector having resigned one of his churches, the number of communicants is decidedly less than in some former reports.

*Norbourne Parish, Grace Church, Smithfield, and St. Bartholomew's Church.*

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 6; present number, white, 41; colored, 5; total 46. Baptisms—white infants, 11; colored infants, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the church, \$150 22.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

*Newport Parish, Christ Church.*

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 2; present num-

ber, white, 29; colored, 3; total, 32. Baptisms—white infants, 13; colored infants, 1; total, 14. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 5. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 11; scholars, 30; Families, 18. Contributions for church purposes—communion alms, \$37 27. Post Office, Smithfield.

REMARKS.—This report includes the baptisms, confirmations, communicants added, removals, marriages, burials, communion alms, &c., since the third Wednesday in May, 1852. This church has not been represented in Convention since the resignation of Rev. H. T. Wilcox, on 1st July, 1852; and we have made no report during the vacancy in the rectorship, nor paid any thing to the Episcopal fund.

### JACKSON COUNTY.

#### *Ravenswood Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; present number, white, 11. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Families, 7. Post Office, Ravenswood, Jackson county.

REMARKS.—I have accepted a call to this Parish, and entered upon the duties of the same.

### JAMES CITY COUNTY.

#### *Bruton Parish.*

Rev. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 1; present number, white, 83; colored, 1; total, 84. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 9. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 12; scholars, 65. Contributions for church purposes—\$9 00. Post Office, Williamsburg.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY.

#### *St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; pre-



sent number, white, 61; colored, 1; total, 62. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored adults, 2; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 7. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Contributions for church purposes, within the parish, \$33; Foreign Missions, \$55; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$50; other objects about \$200. Post Office, Shepherdstown.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. J. H. KEHLER, Assistant Minister.

Baptism—infant, 1. Funeral, 1.

REMARKS.—As I have no Parish in the Diocese of Virginia, I have but little to report to its Convention.

I hold service regularly every two weeks at Sharpsburg, Washington county, Maryland, and at Antietam on the same day. The Sunday in which I am not engaged at the places alluded to, I assist Dr. Andrews in the service at Shepherdstown, and likewise officiate for him, whenever he is absent.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Zion Church.*

Rev. C. E. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 11; present number, white, 93; colored, 3; total, 96. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 18; colored infants, 2; total 24. Confirmed, white, 7. Marriages, white, 5; colored, 3; total, 8. Funerals, white, 18; colored, 2; total, 20. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 16; scholars, 103. Families, 69. Contributions for church purposes—Missions, domestic, \$41; foreign, \$183 19; diocesan, \$55; communion alms, \$38 75; general contributions, \$159; total, \$476 94. Post Office, Charlestown, Jefferson county.

KANAWHA COUNTY.

*Kanawha Parish, St. John's Church, Charleston, St. Luke's Church, Malden.*

Rev. THOMPSON L. SMITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; removed, 1; present number, white, 46. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 10; total, 11. Confirmed, white, 9; two of which were of St. Mark's. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools, 1;

teachers, 8; scholars, 50. Contributions for church purposes—communion alms, \$64 11; general contributions, \$321; total, \$385 11. Post Office, Kanawha Court House.

REMARKS.—The sum of about nine hundred dollars has been contributed to the payment of the debt due for the parsonage, which secures a title to the property in the church, the remainder is in the way of payment, being a small amount.

### KING GEORGE COUNTY.

#### *Hanover Parish, St. John's Church.*

REV. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 1; present number, white, 19. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 4. Funerals, white, 3. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$56; general contributions, \$28 36; Education Society, \$5; total, \$69 36. Post Office, Port Royal, Caroline county.

#### *St. Paul's Parish.*

Communicants—removed, 6; present number, white, 37. Baptisms—colored, 1. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 2. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 8; total, 10. Amount contributed to religious objects from \$375 to \$380.

REMARKS.—Our late minister resigned the charge of the parish on the 1st April, and the vestry has elected the Rev. T. F. Martin as Rector from 1st of October next.

#### *Lamb's Creek Church.*

REV. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 2; present number, white, 8. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 2; total, 4. Funerals, white, 1.

REMARKS.—I resigned the charge of this congregation in April, and it is much to be regretted that they have no present prospect of ministerial services. The attendance, during my ministration, was good, and the prospects very encouraging. It is my earnest prayer and hope that they may not be left destitute, but that ere long a faithful man of God may be sent to preach to them the gospel of the grace of God.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

*Christ Church Parish, Grace, White, and Christ Churches.*

Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; one by removal; removed, 3; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 9; total, 10. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Families, 32. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$240 96.

REMARKS.—This congregation has sustained during the past year an almost irreparable loss, in the death of Col. John Chowning, who has been for so many years its tried and faithful friend.

## LOUISA COUNTY.

*Green Spring Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 2; present number, white, 19. Baptisms—white adults, 1. Confirmed, white, 3. Contributions, \$107 73. Post Office, Cobham Depot, Albemarle county.

REMARKS.—During the year, a good organ has been provided for this church.

*Trinity Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. JOHN COOK, Officiating.

Communicants—removed, 2; total, 7. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Funerals, white, 2.

REMARKS.—The congregation here still continues large and attentive, but no impression seems to be made.

I still officiate also at St. Peter's (Methodist) church, Hanover, where one communicant has been added; total, 2. Congregations good and attentive. Collections for charitable purposes, \$25. Post Office, Ætna, Hanover.

## LOUDOUN COUNTY.

*Shelburne Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. GEORGE ADIE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7; re-

moved, 1; present number, white, 74; colored, 3; total, 77. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 2; colored infants, 1; total, 4. Confirmed—white, 7. Funerals—white, 3; colored 1; total, 3. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 19; scholars, 77. Families, 70. Contributions for Church purposes—For missions, foreign, \$100; Diocesan, \$10; Communion alms, \$139 40; general contributions, \$200; total, \$449 40. Post Office, Leesburg, Loudoun county.

*Johns' Parish, Emanuel Church.*

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; died, 1; removed, 3; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 4; total, 8. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 6. Families, 14. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$30; foreign, \$75; communion alms, \$20; total, \$125. Post Office, Middleburg, Loudoun county.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

*Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches.*

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 3; suspended, 1; present number, white, 43; colored, 2; total, 45. Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored infants, 1; total, 4. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Families, 22. Contributions for church purposes, \$135.

MADISON COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont and Trinity Churches.*

Rev. WM. T. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; present number, white, 18; colored, 2; total, 20. Baptisms—colored infants, 3. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 5. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 1. Families, 14. Contributions for church purposes—\$30; for Missions, foreign, \$5; communion alms, \$6; total, \$41. Post Office, Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

## MATTHEWS COUNTY.

*Kingston Parish.*

Rev. G. T. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, white, 14. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$90 92. Post Office, Urbanna, Middlesex county.

REMARKS.—The condition of this parish is better than it has been since the efforts first made for its revival. The congregations for attendance and conformity to the usages of the Prayer Book, will compare favorably with others. The evidences of a living and active piety are increasingly evinced.

## MARSHALL COUNTY.

*Trinity Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. WM. LYTTLETON HYLAND, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 1; present number, white, 14. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages, white, 3. Contributions for church purposes—communion alms, \$27 50; general contributions, \$40; total, \$67 50. Post Office, Moundsville.

REMARKS.—This parish being as yet weak, and itself a beneficiary of our Diocesan Missionary Society, no effort has been made to collect any thing for Missionary purposes. The children of the parish have been instructed from time to time in the catechism and the duties of religion by the Rector. This is the only Sunday School connected with the parish. There are but few families, as such, connected with the church, although there are individuals so connected, belonging to families divided among the other religious denominations.

## MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

*St. James' Parish, St. James' and St. Andrew's Churches.*

Rev. E. M. RODMAN, Rector.

Communicants—Removed 6; present number, white, 24; funerals, white, 2; colored, 6; total, 8. Contributions for Church purposes—Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$7 42; for missions,

domestic, \$43 06; foreign, \$30 03; Diocesan, \$23 06; Parochial schools, \$10 00; contingent fund \$26; general contributions, 10; total, \$149 57. Post Office, Boydton, Mecklenburg county.

*St. Luke's Parish, St. Timothy's, St. Luke's and Old Churches.*

Rev. E. M. RODMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, white, 30. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 2. Contributions for church purposes—Education fund, \$5 00; for missions, domestic, \$3 00; foreign, \$19 00; Diocesan, \$15 09; contingent fund, \$29 00; general contributions, \$10 00; total, \$81 09. Post Office, Boydton, Mecklenburg county.

REMARKS.—The Rev. F. H. McGuire officiates in St. Luke's Church.

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

*Christ Church Parish.*

Rev. G. S. CARAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1, (from another cure;) removed 1; present number, 7. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmation, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$185 79. Post Office, Urbanna, Middlesex county.

#### NANSEMOND COUNTY.

*Upper Suffolk Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Communicants—present number, white, 20. Families, 15.

#### NELSON COUNTY.

*Nelson Parish, Christ and Trinity Churches.*

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 25. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, foreign, \$70 17; general contributions, \$42 54; total, \$112 71. Post Office, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson county.

REMARKS.—The Secretary of Convention will please take

notice, that there are no such churches as "*Calloway's*" and "*St. Paul's, New Market*," in this parish or county. My churches are *Trinity* and *Christ*, only; and my name is *F. D.*, and not "*T. D.*," as it appears on the Journal. *Grace Church* is for the colored people, and should be so marked on the Journal.

#### NEW KENT COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 20. Contributions for Church purposes—communion alms, \$6 50; general contributions, \$200 00; total, \$206 50. Post Office, Old Church, Hanover county.

#### NORFOLK COUNTY.

*Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 8; died, 2; removed, 3; withdrawn and suspended, 1; present number, white, 67; colored, 1; total, 68. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 15; total, 18. Confirmed, white, 9; colored, 1; total, 10. Marriages, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Funerals, white, 16; colored, 1; total, 17. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 11; scholars, 65. Families, 50. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$50; foreign, \$25; diocesan, \$28 82; communion alms, \$48 19; general contributions, \$46 33; total, \$198 34. Post Office, Portsmouth.

REMARKS—Some improvements have been made in the church and parsonage, by putting up gas fixtures, at an expense of about two hundred and fifty dollars. Spiritual state of the congregation not very encouraging, particularly among the male portion of it, of whom there are but eleven communicants.

*St. Paul's Church, Norfolk City.*

Rev. WM. M. JACKSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 30; removed, 6; present number, white, 206; colored, 1; total, 207. Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 13; total, 18. Confirmed, white, 15. Mar-

riages, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5. Funerals, white, 16. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 25; scholars, 150. Families, 116. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$79; foreign, \$103; diocesan, \$45; parochial schools, \$100; communion alms, \$251 04; general contributions, \$181 75; total, \$759 79. Post Office, Norfolk City.

*Christ Church, Norfolk City.*

Rev. CHARLES MINNIGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 36; colored, 6; total, 42; removed, 20; withdrawn, 3; died, 12; present number, white, 436; colored, 41; total, 477. Baptisms—white adults, 5; white infants, 32; colored adults, 5; colored infants, 7; total, 49. Confirmed, white, 22; colored, 6; total, 28. Marriages, white, 16; colored, 2; total, 18. Funerals, white, 43; colored, 3; total, 46. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 44; scholars, 250. Families, 174. Contributions for church purposes—Missions, domestic, \$150; foreign, \$305; diocesan, \$676; parochial schools, \$500; communion alms, \$606 56; Orphan Asylum, \$481 50; Dorcas Society, \$139; Education Society, \$100; Bible Society, \$125; Sunday School Library, \$150; Sewing Society, (fixed contribution) \$175; Contingent Fund, \$436; Sunday School and other private and public contributions, \$519; total, \$4363 06. Post Office, Norfolk.

REMARKS.—The above report embraces the official acts of the Rev. Lewis Walke, who has taken the oversight of the colored congregation connected with Christ Church, and who is also assisting the Rector in his regular services. The Rector reports the labors of the Rev. Mr. Walke as highly acceptable and of great usefulness. Regular services are held for the colored congregation every Sunday afternoon with very cheering prospects. Besides preaching occasionally for the Rector, Mr. Walke officiated in ten baptisms, two marriages, and seven funerals, embraced in the above.

*Portsmouth Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. JAMES CHISHOLM, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 1; total, 5; died, 2; removed, 6; withdrawn, 5; total, 13; present number, white, 43; colored, 1; total, 44. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white



infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 11; scholars, 58. Contributions—Bible Society of Virginia, \$20; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$20; Missionary Association for the West, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$30; Diocesan Missions, \$15; Colonization Society, \$7; Communion alms and general contributions, \$240; total, \$342.

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

#### *Hungar's Parish.*

Rev. J. M. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 7; present number, white, 53. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 35. Contributions for church purposes—contingent fund, \$53; education society, \$15; for diocesan missions, \$31 75; parochial schools, \$17; general contributions, \$220; total, \$336 75. Post Office, Eastville, Northampton county.

REMARKS.—This parish has been deprived of the services of a pastor for the eight months last past. The present Rector has just entered upon the discharge of his duties here, and he thinks that the prospects for a large Sunday School are very encouraging.

### OHIO COUNTY.

#### *St. Matthew's Parish, St. Matthew's Church, Wheeling.*

Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—white, added, 50; removed, 8; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 153; colored, 1; total, 154. Baptisms—white adults, 13; white infants, 39; total, 52. Confirmed, white, 21. Marriages, white, 6. Funerals, white, 20. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 33; scholars, 175. Families, 115. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$20; foreign, \$125; diocesan, \$153; communion alms, \$183 58; general contributions, \$1841 96; total, \$2324 54. Post Office, Wheeling, Virginia.

REMARKS.—The ladies of this congregation have within the past year purchased a large and commodious parsonage at a cost of \$3500, \$1100 of which has been paid as the first instalment.

## ORANGE COUNTY.

*St. Thomas' Parish, St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, 1; present number, white, 77; Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 10; total 11. Confirmed—white, 5; marriages—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9; funerals—white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 4; scholars 31; families, 45; Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, domestic, \$20 62½; foreign, \$20 62½; diocesan, \$7 54; Education society, \$38; general contributions, \$49 92; total, \$136 71. Post Office, Orange Courthouse.

## PETERSBURG.

*Grace Church.*

Rev. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 32; removed, 7; withdrawn, 1; died, 5; present number, white, 177; colored, 3; total, 180; Baptisms—white adults 11; white infants 29; colored, adults, 1; colored infants, 15; total 56; confirmed, white, 19; marriages—white, 25; colored, 17; total, 42; funerals, white, 72; colored, 11; total, 83; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 24; scholars, 120; contributions for Church purposes—for missions, domestic, \$110; foreign, \$135; diocesan, \$55; parochial schools, \$70; communion alms, \$130; general contributions, \$175; total, \$675; Post Office, Petersburg.

REMARKS.—The Rector is thankful to be able to report a good degree of spiritual prosperity. His congregations have continued to increase, and an addition of \$200 has been made to his salary by the Vestry, while the ladies of the parish also have generously presented him with an equal amount. He trusts that his affectionate people may receive from above the blessings that are promised for both worlds to the *generous and "cheerful giver."*

*Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Temporary Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; removed, 11; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 189; colored, 7; total, 194. Bap-

tisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 9; colored infants, 6; total, 16. Confirmed, white, 12. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals, white, 6. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 19; scholars, 110. Families, 98. Post Office, Petersburg.

REMARKS.—The rebuilding of St. Paul's Church is now in progress. The hope is indulged that the beautiful structure may be completed within the present year. Services are held every Sunday in Mechanic's Hall. The congregation is a large, attentive, and growing one, and the spiritual condition of the parish is encouraging. Having so recently taken the temporary charge of the parish, I cannot now ascertain the exact amount of contributions to benevolent objects.

### PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*Camden Parish, Epiphany Church.*

REV. GEO. W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 1; present number, white, 35; colored, 4; total, 39. Baptisms—white infants, 4; colored infants, 2; total, 6. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 5. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 3; scholars, 15. Families, 27. Contributions for church purposes—Missions, domestic, \$8; foreign, \$7; diocesan, \$16 75; communion alms, \$10 67; general contributions, \$55; total, \$97 42. Post Office, Danville.

*Camden Parish, Emanuel Church.*

REV. GEO. W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 18. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Families, 20. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, diocesan, \$16 63; communion alms, \$7 67; total, \$24 30. Post Office, Danville.

### POWHATAN COUNTY.

*Powhatan Parish, St. Luke's Church.*

REV. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1, total, 2. Funerals,

white, 4. Families, 17. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$25; foreign, \$39 75; communion alms, \$12 62; general contributions, \$51; total, \$128 37. Post Office, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan county.

*St. James' Parish, Southam, Emanuel Church.*

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 15; colored, 1; total, 16. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$2 50; foreign, \$1 75; communion alms, \$8 52; general contributions, \$2 35; total, \$15 39.

REMARKS.—This parish is without a Rector.

ROBERT K. DABNEY, *Warden.*

*Genito Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4; present number, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 1; colored, 6; total, 7. Families, 12. Contributions for church purposes—\$73.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

*Martin's Brandon Parish, Brandon and Merchant's Hope Churches.*

Rev. EDMUND C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; colored, 2; total, 11; removed, 4; present number—white, 49; colored, 3; total, 52. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 8; colored infants, 3; total, 12. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Funerals, white, 4. Amount of contributions through the Rector, \$279 84. Post Office, Garysville.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

*Dettingen Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Funerals—white, 1. Post Office, Brentsville, Prince William County.

*Leeds' Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 5; present number, white, 31. Baptisms—white infants, 9; colored infants, 2; total, 11. Funerals—white, 1. Post Office, Brentsville, Prince William County.

## RICHMOND CITY.

*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 8; died, 3; removed, 8; present number, white, 60; colored, 1; total, 61. Baptisms—adults, 1; infants, 14; total, 15. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Burials, white, 13; colored, 4; total, 17. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, \$25; Virginia Colonization Society, \$15; Virginia Bible Society, \$21; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$5; American Tract Society, \$20; other charitable purposes, \$83 73; total, \$169 73. Post Office, Richmond.

*Henrico Parish, Monumental Church.*

Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 20; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 169; colored, 2; total, 171. Baptisms—white adults, 4; white infants, 38; colored adults, 1; total, 47. Marriages—white, 12; colored, 5; total, 17. Funerals—white, 32; colored, 2; total, 34. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 20; scholars, 150. Contributions for missions, \$378 00; communion alms, \$200 00; general contributions, \$420 00; Education Society, \$131 00; Theological Seminary, \$180 00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$40 00; Tract Society, \$76 00; total, \$1425 00. Besides this about six hundred dollars have been contributed for objects connected with the church.

*Henrico Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 18; withdrawn, 3; present number, white, 175; colored, 3; total, 178. Bap-

tisms—white infants, 14; colored infants, 5; total, 19. Marriages, white, 11. Funerals, white, 12. Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 28; scholars, 250. Families, about one hundred. Contributions for church purposes—Missions, foreign, \$426 35; diocesan, \$30; communion alms, \$225 57; general contributions, \$630 83; African colonization, \$480; total, \$1792 75. Post Office, Richmond.

REMARKS.—The present Rector took charge of this church on the Sunday after Easter; and having been so short a time connected with the congregation, may not be entirely accurate in his report of the contributions made during the past year. They have no doubt exceeded the amount specified. This report includes the services performed by the late Rector, the Rev. Mr. Cummins, as also several marriages and baptisms by the Rev. Dr. Empie.

*Henrico Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

REV. SILAS TOTTEN, Acting Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 200. Baptisms—white infants, 13. Confirmed, white, 2. Sunday Schools—teachers, 20; scholars, 110.

REMARKS.—The church having been undergoing repairs, and closed for a large part of the year, and there being no resident minister, this report is necessarily defective.

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish.*

REV. WILLIAM THOMAS LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—white, 6. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Families, 12. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$5; diocesan, \$5; total, \$10. Post Office, Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

ROANOKE COUNTY.

*Salem Parish, St. John's Church.*

REV. W. N. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 1; colored,

2; total, 3. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 25. Families, 16. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$41; diocesan, \$32 50; general contributions, \$20 50; total, \$94 00. Post Office, Big Lick, Roanoke county.

REMARKS.—The Rector thinks it proper to mention, that he took charge of this parish 1st of July last, and that his report therefore embraces only the period since that time. It may be of interest to note, that one of the funerals mentioned here, is that of a servant who died at the age of one hundred years, a firm churchman and good christian, many years ago confirmed by Bishop Meade, and who died triumphantly.

### ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

*Latimer Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. W. N. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 7; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 40. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 30. Families, 23. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, Domestic, \$5 00; Foreign, \$10 00; Parochial schools, \$30 00; communion alms, \$40 00; general contributions, \$300 00; total, \$385 00. Post Office, Lexington, Rockbridge County.

REMARKS.—For some months past the Rector, under solicitation from the American Sunday School Union and with the sanction of his Vestry, has combined with his parochial duties, service in behalf of that important institution.

### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Rockingham Parish.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; at Port Republic, 10; at Harrisonburg, 5; died, 1; present number, white, 15. Baptisms—colored infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Families—at Port Republic, 4; at Harrisonburg, 3. Contributions for Church purposes—For Missions, Domestic, \$2 50; Foreign, \$2 50; communion alms, \$5 00; general contributions, \$5 00; total, \$15 00. Post Office, Staunton, Augusta county.

**REMARKS.**—Divine services have been held during the past year every two weeks at Port Republic; and they have been discontinued at Harrisonburg. In the latter place are five communicants of the church, and some families favorably disposed towards it, and it is more than probable that in a short time services will be held as heretofore.

### SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*St. George's Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, white, 18; colored, 2; total, 20. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 4; total, 6.

*Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, white, 13. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages—white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Families, 4. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, Diocesan, \$4 25. Post Office, Mount Pleasant, Spottsylvania county.

### SURRY COUNTY.

*Southwark Parish, Lower Surry Church.*

Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 2; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 8; total, 10. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1; colored, 5; total, 6. General contributions, \$15 00.

**REMARKS.**—We are building a church in the vicinity of the old church, which we expect to be ready for consecration about August. The zeal and liberality displayed by our flock, and its friends in Surry, in rearing this building, show, as the Rector trusts and believes, that their hearts are beating in the right place.



## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

*Holston Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon.*

Rev. HENRY T. LEE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; died, 1; present number, 16. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 2; total, 3. Confirmations—white, 6. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 2. Sunday schools—teachers, 4; scholars, 18. Collections—offertory, \$47 54; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$20 00; total, \$67 54. Post Office, Abingdon.

*Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; died, 1; present number, 18. Baptisms—white adult, 1; infant, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 7. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday schools—teachers, 10; scholars, 40. Families, 16.

REMARKS.—Besides paying \$1000 00 towards building a rectory, the contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, amounts to \$137 99.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

*Montross Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, 9. Confirmed, 1. Funerals—white, 2. Families, 6. Sunday schools—teachers, 8; scholars, about 35.

## WHEELING.

*St. John's Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. JAMES D. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 25; died, 1; removed, 5; present number, white, 93. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 24; total, 26. Confirmed—white, 10. Marriages—white, 6. Funerals, white, 11. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 15; scholars, 100. Families, 60. Contributions for church purposes—for Missions, Domestic, \$65 00, (\$55 00 of which was

contributed by ladies of the Parish, in money and clothes, to Washotah); Foreign, \$13 00; communion alms, \$73 42; general contributions, \$384 00; total, \$535 42. Post Office, Wheeling, Ohio county.

REMARKS.—Since last Convention the congregation of St. John's have completed a commodious and comfortable parsonage at the cost of about \$3500 00, which is now occupied by the Rector. The Parish is entirely unembarrassed by debt, and in all respects in a healthy condition. During the year the Rector has officiated at Ravenswood and New Martinsville, occasionally, and every Sunday afternoon holds a service in the neighboring corporation of South Wheeling.

#### WINCHESTER.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 8; died, 2; present number, white, 95; colored, 4; total, 99. Baptisms—white infants, 8; colored infants, 1; total, 9. Marriages—white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Funerals—white, 5. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 22; scholars, 100. Families, 60. Contributions for church purposes, \$465 00. Post Office, Winchester.

*Richmond, May 14, 1855.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia :

I beg leave to report through you to the Convention, that I have been for some time holding services at the Brook Church, Henrico county, some miles from Richmond. This a very neat, commodious building, erected by the community around, for general use, as a free church, and located in the midst of a thickly settled neighborhood. Here I hold services every Sunday, with an attentive and growing congregation, who unite with remarkable spirit in the services, although to many of them novelty.

A Sunday School is also in operation at this point; and, altogether, I regard the undertaking as one full of encouragement and promise.

In Richmond, on Wednesday afternoons, I hold a familiar service and lecture at the Female Orphan Asylum, an interesting

institution, numbering 50 beneficiaries. Here I also have a Bible class, composed of the more advanced pupils.

In addition to these engagements, I have been for some time endeavoring to arrange others, which promise to be of an interesting character. But of these it will be time enough to speak when perfected.

I may be permitted to say, in conclusion, that I am enabled to render these services, without being in any way chargeable either to the church or to individuals; looking to a day school as a mode of support the most practicable, and at the same time least disagreeable to myself. Post Office address, Richmond.

Respectfully,

J. AMBLER WEED.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

The undersigned, as required by Canon XII. of 1853, respectfully reports:

That during the conventional year, ending 15th instant, in pursuance of his duties as a General Agent of the American Tract Society, he has advocated its claims before fifty-four congregations in Virginia, the District of Columbia, and South Carolina. He has travelled about eight thousand miles, and collected personally, from March 1st, 1854, to March 1st, 1855, \$3308 94. About \$1000 more has been collected upon his field by local and other agents, or has been remitted direct to the Society, after the undersigned has presented its cause and departed.

He has preached on forty-three other occasions; lectured or delivered addresses six times; read prayers forty-five times; the ante-communion five times; administered the holy communion once, and assisted in its administration four times; and officiated at one burial.

And is, very faithfully and sincerely yours,

S. R. SLACK.

*Mechum's River, Albemarle, May 16, 1855.*

## APPENDIX NO. II.

### *Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Cn.              |
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| 13. By balance on hand reported to the Convention, -                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,451 45       |
| 20. By cash from Christ Church, Charlottesville, per hands of W. H. Hubbard, Esq. -                                                                                                                                                                   | 22 50            |
| 25. By cash from John Coleman, of Halifax, by the hands of Rev. John T. Clarke, -                                                                                                                                                                     | 20 00            |
| 2. By cash through Rev. F. M. Baker, from Bishop Johns' collections, say in Salem Parish, Roanoke County, -                                                                                                                                           | \$ 7 50          |
| St. Mark's Church, Fincastle, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29 50            |
| Trinity Church, Buchanan, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 34 35            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <hr/> 71 35      |
| By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, per Rev. W. H. Kinckle and Rev. George Woodbridge, -                                                                                                                                                       | 49 70            |
| 3. By cash received of Wm. F. Davis, Esq., Treasurer, <i>pro tem.</i> , for receipts at Convention at Lynchburg, viz: Mrs. W. L. Booker, of Amelia County, Virginia, by Rev. M. L. Chevers, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per Rev. J. T. Johnston, - | 1 00             |
| Christ Church, Alexandria, per Rev. C. B. Dana, -                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5 00             |
| Christ Church, Spottsylvania, per Rev. D. M. Wheaton, -                                                                                                                                                                                               | 50 00            |
| St. Margaret's Church, Caroline, per Rev. D. M. Wheaton, -                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9 55             |
| Martin's Brandon Parish, Prince George, Wm. B. Harrison, Esq., by H. H. Cocke, -                                                                                                                                                                      | 20 75            |
| Edward Terry, Esq., Mecklenburg, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 00            |
| St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, by A. L. Seabury, Mrs. S. G. Jones, Lunenburg, by Rev. T. E. Locke, -                                                                                                                                                     | 3 00             |
| St. Paul's Church, Hanover, by Rev. J. Cooke, Christ Church, Middlesex, say communion offering, -                                                                                                                                                     | 43 00            |
| Mrs. A. -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1 00             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 21 00            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$11 15          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 00             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <hr/> 16 15      |
| Kingston Parish, Matthews, communion offering, St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, by Rev. E. Boyden, -                                                                                                                                           | 4 13             |
| Grace Church, Walker's Parish, do. -                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 19 58            |
| Antrim Parish, Halifax County, per Rev. J. Grammer, viz: from Mrs. M. A. Love, -                                                                                                                                                                      | 6 50             |
| " Col. C. H. Cabaniss, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 00             |
| " Mr. R. A. Murrill, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 00             |
| " Mrs. F. Green, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2 00             |
| " Misses Rebecca, Martha and Elizabeth Leigh, -                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 00             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 9 00             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <hr/> 8 00       |
| Amount carried forward, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <hr/> \$1,844 66 |

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|
| 1854.   | Amount brought forward,                            | - | - | - | \$1,844 64 |
| June 3. | By cash from Mrs. E. D. Estes,                     | - | - | - | \$2 50     |
|         | By cash from Rev. J. Grammer,                      | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|         | By cash from Mrs. M. E. Grammer,                   | - | - | - | 2 50       |
|         | By cash from Mr. Richard Logan,                    | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|         | By cash from Legacy of Mrs. Eliza Bruce, deceased, | - | - | - | 50 00      |
|         | By cash from Mr. D. Cosby,                         | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|         | By cash from Miss M. L. Spear,                     | - | - | - | 2 50       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. P. F. Holt,                      | - | - | - | 1 50       |
|         | By cash from Miss Mary J. Smith,                   | - | - | - | 1 00       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. N. C. Bruce,                     | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. S. A. Leigh,                     | - | - | - | 1 00       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. T. G. Coleman,                   | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. E. S. Easley,                    | - | - | - | 4 00       |
|         | By cash from Mrs. Mary Bailey,                     | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|         | By cash from Mrs. Elvira A. Clark,                 | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|         |                                                    |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|         | By cash from St. Martin's Parish, Hanover, by      |   |   |   | 115 00     |
|         | Rev. W. V. Bowers,                                 | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| June 9. | By cash of Rev. J. Earnest, viz : from St. Thomas' |   |   |   |            |
|         | Church, Orange,                                    | - | - | - | 12 54      |
|         | By cash from Bloomfield Parish, Madison,           | - | - | - | 11 79      |
|         |                                                    |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|         |                                                    |   |   |   | 24 33      |
| " 14.   | By cash from savings of Baynham Wormley, of        |   |   |   |            |
|         | ten years of age, who died, and this little fund   |   |   |   |            |
|         | which he had saved, being regarded as sacred,      |   |   |   |            |
|         | is given by his father to our Diocesan Missions,   | - | - | - | 8 15       |
| " 17.   | By cash from Mt. Zion Church, Hedgesville, per     |   |   |   |            |
|         | Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,                            | - | - | - | 13 65      |
|         | By cash from Trinity Church, Martinsburg, per      |   |   |   |            |
|         | Rev. D. Francis Sprigg,                            | - | - | - | 14 68      |
| " 28.   | By cash from Grace Church, Powhatan, per Rev.      |   |   |   |            |
|         | P. F. Berkeley,                                    | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|         | By cash from Grub Hill Church, Amelia County,      |   |   |   |            |
|         | per Rev. P. F. Berkeley,                           | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| July 5. | By cash of Rev. C. E. Ambler, for Bishop Johns'    |   |   |   |            |
|         | collection at Zion Church, Charlestown, Va.        | - | - | - | 65 77      |
| " 6.    | By cash of Rev. C. M. Callaway, for Bishop Johns'  |   |   |   |            |
|         | collections, say at                                |   |   |   |            |
|         | Christ Church, Bunker Hill, Berkeley County,       | - | - | - | 4 73       |
|         | Grace Church, Middleway, Jefferson County,         | - | - | - | 14 67      |
|         | St. Bartholomew, Lee Town,                         | - | - | - | 7 60       |
|         |                                                    |   |   |   | <hr/>      |
|         |                                                    |   |   |   | 27 00      |
| " 8.    | By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericks-      |   |   |   |            |
|         | burg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                      | - | - | - | 12 14      |
|         | By cash from interest on Trust Fund per Rev. E.    |   |   |   |            |
|         | C. McGuire,                                        | - | - | - | 14 00      |
| " 11.   | By cash through Rev. J. C. Wheat, viz : Boyden     |   |   |   |            |
|         | Chapel communion fund, \$2 ; from a lady, \$2,     |   |   |   |            |
|         | and Harrisonburg, from a lady, \$1,                | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| " 12.   | By cash of Rev. C. Walker, amount of Bishop        |   |   |   |            |
|         | Johns' collection at Winchester,                   | - | - | - | 17 00      |
| " 17.   | By cash of Bishop Johns for the following collec-  |   |   |   |            |
|         | tions made by him, viz :                           |   |   |   |            |
|         | St. Luke's, Powhatan,                              | - | - | - | 16 00      |
|         | Immanuel, Powhatan,                                | - | - | - | 12 00      |
|         | St. James, Cumberland,                             | - | - | - | 15 45      |
|         | Grace Church, Ca Ira,                              | - | - | - | 10 25      |
|         | Ladies Sewing Society,                             | - | - | - | 34 5       |
|         | St. Peter's, Cumberland,                           | - | - | - | 10 94      |
|         | Ladies Sewing Society,                             | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|         | St. Stephen's, Bedford,                            | - | - | - | 20 00      |
|         | Berryville, \$42 65; Wickliffe, \$9,               | - | - | - | 51 65      |
|         | Millwood,                                          | - | - | - | 51 11      |
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|         |                                                    |   |   |   | 221 40     |
|         | Amount carried forward,                            | - | - | - | \$2,397 73 |

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| 1854.     | Amount brought forward,                                                                                               | - | -  | \$2,397 78 |
| July 19.  | By cash of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, collected by Bishop Johns, 16th, and received through Rev. J. T. Johnston,  | - | -  | 23 56      |
| " 22.     | By cash of the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia, per Mr. Williams,     | - | -  | 16 00      |
| " 26.     | By cash of Rev. John Cole and Rev. George Woodbridge, viz: from                                                       | - | -  |            |
|           | St. James Church, Culpeper, Robert Stringfellow,                                                                      | 5 | 00 |            |
|           | Miss Eliza Stringfellow,                                                                                              | 5 | 00 |            |
|           | Mrs. Ann Stringfellow,                                                                                                | 3 | 00 |            |
|           | R. S. Stringfellow,                                                                                                   | 2 | 00 |            |
|           | Master F. Stringfellow,                                                                                               |   | 75 |            |
|           | Agnes Stringfellow, (a little child,)                                                                                 |   | 50 |            |
|           | Eliza Stringfellow, " "                                                                                               |   | 12 |            |
|           |                                                                                                                       |   |    | 16 37      |
| " 26.     | By cash of Miss M. L. Spear, of Halifax County, Virginia, per Rev. John Grammer,                                      | - | -  | 5 82       |
|           | By cash from Christ Church, Alexandria, Virginia, Fairfax Parish, by Rev. C. B. Dana,                                 | - | -  | 40 00      |
| Aug. 12.  | By cash of Mrs. S. Stuart, St. Paul's Church, Hay Market, Prince William County, per Rev. John Fowkes,                | - | -  | 3 00       |
| " 22.     | By cash of Mrs. Judge May, per Rev. C. J. Gibson,                                                                     | - | -  | 5 00       |
|           | By cash of Miss E. R. Duncan, of Clarksville, Virginia, per Rev. T. E. Locke,                                         | - | -  | 5 00       |
|           | By cash of Miss Mary Ann D. Whittle, of Mecklenburg, per Rev. T. E. Locke,                                            | - | -  | 2 00       |
| " 29.     | By cash of Bishop Johns for collections at St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County,                                      | - | -  | 20 00      |
| Sept. 28. | By cash from a friend near Franktown, Va.                                                                             | - | -  | 5 00       |
|           | By cash of George P. Taylor, of Big Lick,                                                                             | - | -  | 12 28      |
| Oct. 10.  | By cash of St. James' Church, per F. Bransford, being one-fourth of collection for Missions,                          | - | -  | 54 75      |
| " 13.     | By cash of a friend, through Dr. P. Trent, Richmond,                                                                  | - | -  | 10 00      |
| " 21.     | By cash of Mrs. Harriet Skinker, per Rev. Mr. Norton,                                                                 | - | -  | 2 00       |
| " 23.     | By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                             | - | -  | 20 85      |
| Nov. 21.  | By cash from Mrs. Sarah Gilmer, of A'bemarle, per Rev. R. K. Meade, \$10; from Miss A. H. Gilmer, of do. per do., \$5 | - | -  | 15 00      |
| Dec. 27.  | By cash from St. John's Church, Roanoke, per Rev. W. H. Pendleton,                                                    | - | -  | 20 00      |
| 1855.     |                                                                                                                       |   |    |            |
| Jan'y. 5. | By cash from Mrs. Eliza Marshall, of Fauquier county, per Rev. E. H. Norton,                                          | - | -  | 10 00      |
| " 15.     | By cash from Mrs. Ann S. Neblett, Lunenburg, per Rev. Thomas E. Locke,                                                | - | -  | 10 00      |
| " 18.     | By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, per Mr. Keppler,                                                            | - | -  | 13 00      |
|           | By cash from Roanoke Parish, Charlotte County, per Rev. John T. Clark,                                                | - | -  | 20 00      |
| " 24.     | By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                             | - | -  | 16 90      |
|           | By cash from interest on Mrs. Ball's Trust Fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                              | - | -  | 12 28      |
| Feb'y 6.  | By cash from Christ Church, Norfolk, to pay its contribution to Rev. J. C. McCabe,                                    | - | -  | 50 00      |
|           | Amount carried forward,                                                                                               | - | -  | \$2,606 57 |

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| 1855.    | Amount brought forward,                                                                                                                                                                |         | \$2,806 57 |
| Feb. 9.  | By cash of Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns for his collections as follows, viz :                                                                                                                 |         |            |
|          | At Danville, Virginia, - - - -                                                                                                                                                         | \$16 75 |            |
|          | At Halifax Court House, - - - -                                                                                                                                                        | 11 60   |            |
|          | At Pittsylvania Court House, - - - -                                                                                                                                                   | 16 62   |            |
|          | At Halifax Court House, - - - -                                                                                                                                                        | 43 07   |            |
|          | At Clarksville, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                | 4 59    |            |
|          | At St. Luke's, Mecklenburg, - - - -                                                                                                                                                    | 7 67    |            |
|          | At St. James', Boydton, - - - -                                                                                                                                                        | 23 06   |            |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | 123 36     |
| " 15.    | By cash donation of W. Y. Downman, Esq., of Lancaster County, per Rev. E. Withers, -                                                                                                   | -       | 50 00      |
| Mar. 12. | By cash of Mrs Ann E. Neblett, per Rev. T. E. Locke, - - - -                                                                                                                           | -       | 5 00       |
| " 13.    | By cash of Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, collected at Henry Court House, - - - -                                                                                                              | -       | 19 50      |
| " 31.    | By cash of William Stevens, Esq., of Lexington, Virginia, - - - -                                                                                                                      | -       | 10 00      |
| April 2. | By cash of Dr. Robert H. Nelson, of Hanover, -                                                                                                                                         | -       | 5 00       |
| " 20.    | By cash from Grace Church, Petersburg, per Rev. C. J. Gibson, - - - -                                                                                                                  | -       | 55 00      |
| " 23.    | By cash of Rev. Charles Mann, the following contributions, viz:                                                                                                                        |         |            |
|          | Mrs. T. B. T. - - - -                                                                                                                                                                  | 2 50    |            |
|          | Mrs. R. - - - -                                                                                                                                                                        | 5 00    |            |
|          | Mrs. Dr. B. - - - -                                                                                                                                                                    | 5 00    |            |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | 12 50      |
|          | By cash of a small boy in Greenville, per Rev. Mr. Robert, - - - -                                                                                                                     | -       | 40         |
| " 30.    | By cash of Rev. Edmund Withers, of Lancaster Court House, for the following collections, viz : Christ Church, \$10; the Ball family at Ditchley, \$26; and Mrs. Frances Seward, \$5, - | -       | 41 00      |
| May 3.   | By cash, contribution "of a member" of St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, per A. L. Seabury, Esq. -                                                                                           | -       | 6 00       |
| " 5.     | By cash received of Rt. Rev. Bishop John's, for collections by him as follows, viz :                                                                                                   |         |            |
|          | St. James', Drummondton, - - - -                                                                                                                                                       | 25 52   |            |
|          | Hungar's Parish, - - - -                                                                                                                                                               | 31 75   |            |
|          | Bell Haven, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                    | 8 00    |            |
|          | Trinity, Portsmouth, - - - -                                                                                                                                                           | 28 82   |            |
|          | Centurion, Old Point, - - - -                                                                                                                                                          | 10 00   |            |
|          | Hampton, - - - -                                                                                                                                                                       | 22 23   |            |
|          | St. John's Portsmouth, - - - -                                                                                                                                                         | 15 00   |            |
|          | Dr. Kerr, Eastville, - - - -                                                                                                                                                           | 5 00    |            |
|          | Mr. Edmund Ruffin, - - - -                                                                                                                                                             | 20 00   |            |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | 166 32     |
| " 9.     | By cash from St. James' Church, Richmond, per F. Bransford, Esq. - - - -                                                                                                               | -       | 30 00      |
|          | By cash from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per J. Entwisle, Esq. - - - -                                                                                                              | -       | 65 38      |
|          | By cash from Sunday School same Church, per do. - - - -                                                                                                                                | -       | 27 07      |
|          | By cash from St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg, per S. W. Shelton, Esq., collected by Bishop Johns 7th instant, - - - -                                                                     | -       | 69 34      |
| " 11.    | By cash from Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia and Powhatan, per Rev. P. F. Berkeley, -                                                                                              | -       | 30 00      |
|          |                                                                                                                                                                                        |         | \$3,522 44 |
| May 12.  | By balance in the hands of the Treasurer, -                                                                                                                                            | -       | \$1,461 36 |

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JOHN L. BACON, Treasurer.

Richmond, May 12, 1855.

*Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

|          |                                                                                         |       | Dr.               |
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| 54.      |                                                                                         |       |                   |
| ay 16.   | To Cash paid Rev. W. L. Hyland,                                                         | - - - | \$25 00           |
| 20.      | " " remitted Rev. R. A. Castleman,                                                      | - - - | 80 00             |
| 29.      | " " paid Rev. J. C. Wheat,                                                              | - - - | 25 00             |
| ne 5.    | " " " " J. M. Chevers,                                                                  | - - - | 50 00             |
| 8.       | " " " " J. J. Page, (two drafts, \$50 and \$60.)                                        | - - - | 110 00            |
| 13.      | " " " " A. B. Tizzard,                                                                  | - - - | 75 00             |
| ly 17.   | " " " discount on uncurrent Notes,                                                      | - - - | 25                |
| 18.      | " " remitted Rev. J. C. McCabe,                                                         | - - - | 50 00             |
| 22.      | " " paid Dr. Carmichael,                                                                | - - - | 75 00             |
| ag. 7.   | " " " Rev. S. D. Tompkins,                                                              | - - - | 75 00             |
| 7.       | " " " " W. L. Hyland,                                                                   | - - - | 75 00             |
| 25.      | " " " discount on uncurrent money,                                                      | - - - | 10                |
| pt. 7.   | " " " C. W. Andrew's draft for appropriation made to Rev. J. H. Kehler, Harper's Ferry, | - - - | 50 00             |
| 22.      | " " " Rev. D. J. Henderson,                                                             | - - - | 75 00             |
| 25.      | " " " " A. B. Tizzard,                                                                  | - - - | 50 00             |
| "        | " " " " R. T. Brown,                                                                    | - - - | 50 00             |
| "        | " " " " J. J. Page,                                                                     | - - - | 37 50             |
| "        | " " " " R. A. Castleman,                                                                | - - - | 37 50             |
| ct. 6.   | " " " " S. D. Tompkins,                                                                 | - - - | 25 00             |
| 13.      | " " " remitted Rev. J. C. Wheat,                                                        | - - - | 100 00            |
| 21.      | " " " paid Rev. W. M. Carmichael,                                                       | - - - | 75 00             |
| "        | " " " " W. L. Hyland,                                                                   | - - - | 35 00             |
| ov. 21.  | " " " " J. C. McCabe,                                                                   | - - - | 25 00             |
| ec. 23.  | " " " remitted Rev. R. A. Castleman,                                                    | - - - | 37 50             |
| "        | " " " remitted Rev. J. J. Page,                                                         | - - - | 37 50             |
| 29.      | " " " paid Rev. J. M. Chevers,                                                          | - - - | 50 00             |
| 55.      |                                                                                         |       |                   |
| an. 1.   | " " " remitted Rev. R. T. Brown,                                                        | - - - | 50 00             |
| 2.       | " " " paid Rev. W. L. Hyland's draft,                                                   | - - - | 40 00             |
| 10.      | " " " " J. C. McCabe's draft,                                                           | - - - | 25 00             |
| 18.      | " " " " B. & B. for Rev. W. N. Pendleton,                                               | - - - | 100 00            |
| eb. 2.   | " " " Rev. J. M. Chevers,                                                               | - - - | 50 00             |
| 17.      | " " " " J. C. McCabe's draft,                                                           | - - - | 50 00             |
| lar. 6.  | " " " remitted Rev. T. M. Ambler,                                                       | - - - | 50 00             |
| "        | " " " remitted Rev. R. A. Castleman,                                                    | - - - | 50 00             |
| "        | " " " remitted R. Sross, for Rev. W. T. Leavell,                                        | - - - | 37 50             |
| 19.      | " " " paid Rev. John M. Chevers,                                                        | - - - | 16 66             |
| 24.      | " " " " R. A. Castleman,                                                                | - - - | 75 00             |
| pril 23. | " " " " Mr. Keppler, at Armory Chapel,                                                  | - - - | 66 67             |
| 30.      | " " " " J. C. McCabe,                                                                   | - - - | 25 00             |
| lay 1.   | " " " " Dr. Carmichael,                                                                 | - - - | 100 00            |
| 12.      | " " Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,                                              | - - - | 1,461 26          |
|          |                                                                                         |       | <u>\$3,592.44</u> |



## APPENDIX NO. III.

**Dr.**      **WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Treasurer, in account with the**

**1854**

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| <b>June 2.</b> | To cash received from Col. G. M. Carrington,<br>Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i> , viz: per checks and<br>drafts, - - - - - | \$ 3,655 94 |  |
|                | Per sundry receipts, - - - - -                                                                                        | 1,698 50    |  |
|                |                                                                                                                       | \$5,354 44  |  |

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| <b>June 8.</b> | To cash received from G. W. Bassett, from Old<br>Church, Hanover County, St. Paul's Parish, | - | 22 00 |
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| <b>" 17.</b> | To cash received from Col. G. M. Carrington, | - | 111 00 |
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| <b>July 8.</b> | To cash received from Wm. I. Limmer, viz.<br>From St. Paul's Church, Drummons ville, -21 00<br>From St. George's Church, Pungoteague, 6 00<br>From two communicants St. James' Church,<br>Drummons ville, assessment for 1853, - 2 00 |  | 29 00 |
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| <b>July 18.</b> | To cash received from Rev George Cummins,<br>from North Farnham Parish, - - - - - | - | 3 00 |
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| <b>July 31.</b> | To cash received from Col. G. M. Carrington,<br>from Trinity Church, Portsmouth, - - - - - | - | 61 10 |
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| <b>Aug. 23.</b> | To cash received from T. E. Locke, viz :<br>From St. Luke's Parish, in part, - - - 1 00<br>From Cumberland Parish, in part, - - - 7 00 |  | 8 00 |
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| <b>Dec. 28.</b> | To cash received from Rev. S. D. Tompkins,<br>from Christ Church, Wellsburg, - - - - - | - | 12 00 |
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| <b>1855.</b>   |                                                                                                 |   |      |
| <b>Jan. 9.</b> | To cash received from Rev. E. Boyden, from<br>St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, - - - - - | - | 5 00 |

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| <b>Jan. 30.</b> | To cash received from Rev. J. W. Chesley,<br>Wesmpcreland, for Bishop Meade, - - - - - | - | 5 00 |
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| <b>1855.</b>  |                                      |   |          |
| <b>May 14</b> | To cash on hand this date, - - - - - | - | \$108 12 |

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| 3. By balance due Treasurer this date, as per account rendered, | - | -        | \$3 95     |
| By balance paid Sexton for services at Convention, no voucher,  | - | -        | 15 00      |
| By cash paid sundries, as per vouchers, viz:                    |   |          |            |
| Bishop Meade's voucher, No. 1,                                  | - | 1,200 00 |            |
| " 2,                                                            | - | 300 00   |            |
| " 3,                                                            | - | 100 00   |            |
| " 12,                                                           | - | 400 00   |            |
| " 13,                                                           | - | 115 00   |            |
| " 15,                                                           | - | 25 00    |            |
| " 16,                                                           | - | 20 00    |            |
| " 20,                                                           | - | 70 00    |            |
| " 21,                                                           | - | 200 00   |            |
|                                                                 |   | <hr/>    | 2,430 00   |
| By cash paid Bishop Johns, " 11,                                | - | 596 00   |            |
| " 18,                                                           | - | 500 00   |            |
| " 19,                                                           | - | 548 65   |            |
| " 23,                                                           | - | 1,000 00 |            |
|                                                                 |   | <hr/>    | 2,644 65   |
| By cash paid for expenses to General Convention, " 6,           | - | 75 00    |            |
| " 9,                                                            | - | 10 00    |            |
|                                                                 |   | <hr/>    | 85 00      |
| By cash paid for printing, postages and freight, " 4,           | - | 3 50     |            |
| " 5,                                                            | - | 1 00     |            |
| " 7,                                                            | - | 4 00     |            |
| " 8,                                                            | - | 5 00     |            |
| " 10,                                                           | - | 4 44     |            |
| " 14,                                                           | - | 59 55    |            |
| " 17,                                                           | - | 236 00   |            |
| " 22,                                                           | - | 4 24     |            |
| " 24,                                                           | - | 6 00     |            |
|                                                                 |   | <hr/>    | 323 73     |
| By balance on hand,                                             | - | -        | 108 11     |
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|                                                                 |   |          | \$5,610 46 |

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WM. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

## APPENDIX NO. IV.

### [EXHIBIT B.]

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CONTINGENT FUND FOR 1855.

|                                                                                    |   |   |   |            |
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| St. Thomas' Church, Orange County,                                                 | - | - | - | \$77 00    |
| Bruton Parish,                                                                     | - | - | - | 83 00      |
| St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Parish,                                                | - | - | - | 23 00      |
| Bath Parish, Dinwiddie County,                                                     | - | - | - | 24 00      |
| St. John's Church, Salem Parish, Roanoke County,                                   | - | - | - | 26 00      |
| St. John's Church, Heber Parish, Bedford County,                                   | - | - | - | 32 00      |
| Trinity Church, Russell Parish, Bedford County,                                    | - | - | - | 24 00      |
| Christ Church, Millwood, Clarke County,                                            | - | - | - | 69 00      |
| Trinity Church, Woodville Parish, Botetourt County,                                | - | - | - | 31 00      |
| Grace Church, Clarke Parish, Clarke County,                                        | - | - | - | 96 00      |
| Trinity Church, Dale Parish, Chesterfield County,                                  | - | - | - | 17 00      |
| Manakin Town Church, King William Parish, Powhatan County,                         | - | - | - | 51 00      |
| St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County,                                               | - | - | - | 30 00      |
| St. Mark's Church, Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County,                             | - | - | - | 22 00      |
| Grace Church, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland County,                                 | - | - | - | 28 00      |
| Delinquency of 1854, \$6,                                                          | - | - | - | 39 00      |
| St. Peter's Church, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham County,                           | - | - | - | 20 00      |
| \$26; Delinquency of 1854, \$6,                                                    | - | - | - | 200 00     |
| Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna County,                                                   | - | - | - | 15 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond,                                       | - | - | - | 18 00      |
| St. James' Parish, Southam, Powhatan County,                                       | - | - | - | 29 00      |
| Roanoke Parish, Halifax County,                                                    | - | - | - | 20 00      |
| St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church, Albemarle County,                                | - | - | - | 18 00      |
| Howardsville Parish, Fluvanna County,                                              | - | - | - | 18 00      |
| Piedmont and Trinity Churches, Madison County, Bloomfield Parish,                  | - | - | - | 6 00       |
| St. Paul's Church, Rappahannock Co., Bloomfield Parish,                            | - | - | - | 126 00     |
| Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,                                         | - | - | - | 74 00      |
| St. James' Church, Shelbourne Parish, Loudoun County,                              | - | - | - | 2 00       |
| St. Stephen's Church, Cedar Run Parish, Fauquier Co.                               | - | - | - | 26 00      |
| St. James' Church, Dettinger Parish, Prince William Co.                            | - | - | - | 31 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Leeds' Parish, Prince William County,                           | - | - | - | 63 00      |
| St. James' Church, Hambleton Parish, Fauquier County,                              | - | - | - | 30 00      |
| Meherrin Parish, Greensville County,                                               | - | - | - | 84 00      |
| St. John's Church, Antrim Parish, Halifax County,                                  | - | - | - | 71 00      |
| Ascension, St. Mark's and St. Matthews Churches, Lexington Parish, Amherst County, | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst County,                               | - | - | - | 40 00      |
| Trinity Church, Norbourn Parish, Berkeley County,                                  | - | - | - | 15 00      |
| Mt Zion Church, do. do. do. do.                                                    | - | - | - | 46 00      |
| Trinity Church, Shepherdstown, Jefferson County,                                   | - | - | - |            |
| Amount carried forward,                                                            | - | - | - | \$1,572 00 |

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| Amount brought forward,                                                                                      | \$1,572 00 |
| St. James' and St. Andrew's Churches, St. James' Parish, Mecklenburg County, \$23; delinquency of 1854, \$7, | 30 00      |
| St. Luke's, St. Timothy, and Old Churches, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County,                            | 26 00      |
| St. John's Church, Portsmouth,                                                                               | 43 00      |
| Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia and Powhatan Counties,                                                   | 47 00      |
| St. James' Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond,                                                                 | 175 00     |
| St. Peter's Church, Port Royal,                                                                              | 36 00      |
| St. John's Church, King George County,                                                                       | 19 00      |
| Communicants at Henry Court House,                                                                           | 8 00       |
| Two Female Communicants at Parkersburg,                                                                      | 2 00       |
| Two Communicants at Point Pleasant,                                                                          | 2 00       |
| St. John's Church, Charleston, Kanawha County, \$46; in part of Delinquency of 1854, \$29,                   | 75 00      |
| St. Stephen's Church, Hamner Parish, Bedford County,                                                         | 47 00      |
| Trinity and Christ Churches, Nelson Parish, Nelson County,                                                   | 25 00      |
| St. George's Church, Fredericksburg,                                                                         | 140 00     |
| Grace Church, Caroline County,                                                                               | 19 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Petersburg,                                                                               | 189 00     |
| Hungar's Parish, Northampton County,                                                                         | 53 00      |
| Centurion Church, Elizabeth City County,                                                                     | 22 00      |
| Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County,                                                                      | 25 00      |
| Grace (formerly Walker's) Church, Walker's Parish, Albermarle County,                                        | 25 00      |
| Trinity Church, Staunton,                                                                                    | 100 00     |
| Trinity Church, Portsmouth,                                                                                  | 66 00      |
| Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson County,                                                                  | 93 00      |
| Christ Church, Charlottesville, \$90; Delinquency of 1853, \$22 25,                                          | 112 25     |
| St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish, Spottsylvania County,                                                    | 13 00      |
| Christ Church, Spottsylvania County,                                                                         | 17 00      |
| St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline Co.                                                   | 27 00      |
| St. James' Church, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland County,                                                      | 15 00      |
| St. John's Church, Elizabeth City Parish, Hampton,                                                           | 55 00      |
| Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish,                                                                        | 17 00      |
| Trinity Church, Piedmont Parish,                                                                             | 26 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Leeds' Parish, Fauquier County,                                                           | 30 00      |
| Westover Parish, Charles City County,                                                                        | 45 00      |
| St. James' Church, Montross Parish, and St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish, Westmoreland County,          | 27 00      |
| Wickliffe Church, Wickliffe Parish, Clarke County,                                                           | 20 00      |
| Christ Church, Patrick Parish, Henry County,                                                                 | 16 00      |
| South Farnham Parish, Essex County,                                                                          | 46 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Fredericksville Parish, Albermarle Co.                                                    | 14 00      |
| Buck Mountain Church, do. do.                                                                                | 1 00       |
| Grace Church, Petersburg,                                                                                    | 110 00     |
| Emanuel Church, John's Parish, Loudoun County,                                                               | 23 00      |
| Trinity Church, Meade Parish, Fauquier County,                                                               | 14 00      |
| Christ Church, Middlesex County,                                                                             | 7 00       |
| Kingston Parish, Matthews County,                                                                            | 14 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg,                                                                                | 185 00     |
| St. John's Church, Moore Parish, Campbell County,                                                            | 10 00      |
| Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester,                                                                 | 95 00      |
| St. Thomas' Church, Frederick Parish, Frederick County,                                                      | 10 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria,                                                               | 153 00     |
| Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Lexington,                                                                     | 40 00      |
| Vauter's Church, St. Anne's Parish, Essex County,                                                            | 24 00      |
| Grace Church, Ravenswood Parish, Jackson County,                                                             | 11 00      |
| Christ Church, Norfolk,                                                                                      | 436 00     |
| St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,                                                                                  | 206 00     |
| Monumental Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond,                                                                 | 169 00     |
| Port Republic, Rockingham Parish, Rockingham County,                                                         | 10 00      |

Amount brought forward, - - - \$4,730 25

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| Amount brought forward,                                  | - | - | - | \$4,730 25        |
| Harrisonburg, Rockingham Parish, Rockingham County,      | - | - | - | 5 00              |
| Boyden Chapel, Augusta Parish, Augusta County,           | - | - | - | 8 00              |
| St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond,             | - | - | - | 60 00             |
| Epiphany Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania,            | - | - | - | 35 00             |
| Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester County, \$23; De- | - | - | - |                   |
| linquency of 1854, \$14,                                 | - | - | - | 42 00             |
| St. Thomas' Church, West Russel Parish,                  | - | - | - | 11 50             |
| North Farnham Parish,                                    | - | - | - | 6 00              |
| St. Matthew's Church, St. Matthew's Parish, Ohio County, | - | - | - | 153 00            |
| St. John's Church, Green Spring Parish, Louisa County,   | - | - | - | 19 00             |
| Christ, Grace, and St. Bartholomew's Churches, Norbourne | - | - | - |                   |
| Parish, Berkeley and Jefferson Counties,                 | - | - | - | 25 00             |
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G. M. CARRINGTON, Treasurer pro tem.

# APPENDIX NO. V.

## [EXHIBIT C.]

### ES AND CHURCHES DELINQUENT FOR 1854.

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| ville Parish, Albemarle County, - - -                                         | \$30 00   |
| ry Church, - - -                                                              | 6 00      |
| i' Church, West Russell Parish, Bedford County, -                             | 4 30      |
| Parish, Berkeley County, - - -                                                | 62 00     |
| rch, Shepherdstown, - - -                                                     | 24 00     |
| i's Church, Culpeper County, - - -                                            | 4 00      |
| and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish, Lu'burg. -                        | 9 12      |
| et's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County, -                        | 30 00     |
| omew's Church, Lee Town, - - -                                                | 7 00      |
| and St. George's Churches, St. George's Parish, Acco-<br>County, - - -        | 24 00     |
| l North Garden Churches, St. Anne's Parish, Albe-<br>County, no report, - - - | Entirely. |
| apel, Augusta County, - - -                                                   | 10 00     |
| ch, Brooke County, - - -                                                      | 45 00     |
| hurch, Brooke County, - - -                                                   | 44 00     |
| h, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County, no report, -                               | Entirely. |
| Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County, no report, -                          | Entirely. |
| and Beaver Dam Churches, Goochland Co., no report, -                          | Entirely. |
| Frankfort, and Zion Churches, Hampshire County, no<br>- - -                   | Entirely. |
| ch, Henrico Parish, Richmond City, no report, -                               | Entirely. |
| rch, Smithfield, and Old Church, Newport, Isle of<br>no report, - - -         | Entirely. |
| Church, Harper's Ferry, no report, - - -                                      | Entirely. |
| Charleston, St. Luke's Salines, and St. Mark's Chur-<br>Kanawha County, - - - | 17 00     |
| Weston) Church, Lewis County, - - -                                           | 23 00     |
| i' Church, Abingdon, Washington County, - - -                                 | 16 00     |
| , Westmoreland County, - - -                                                  | 12 00     |
| Church, St. David's Parish, King William County, no<br>- - -                  | Entirely. |
| el and Point Pleasant, Mason County, no report, -                             | Entirely. |
| and St. Paul's Churches, Nansemond Co., no report, -                          | Entirely. |
| am Parish, Powhatan County, no report, - - -                                  | Entirely. |
| t. John's, Tiye's Valley Churches, Putnam County, no<br>- - -                 | Entirely. |

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| Emanuel Church, Sussex, no report,                       | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| Parkersburg, Wood County, no report,                     | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| St. Paul's Church, Wetzel County, no report,             | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| Wytheville Church, Wythe County, no report,              | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| Grace Church, York, Hampton Parish, York Co., no report, | - | - | - | Entirely. |

## PARISHES AND CHURCHES DELINQUENT FOR 1855.

|                                                                                          |   |   |   |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|
| St. Paul's Church, King George County,                                                   | - | - | - | \$37 00   |
| Lamb's Creek Church, King George County,                                                 | - | - | - | 8 00      |
| Lower Surry Church, Southwark Parish,                                                    | - | - | - | 9 00      |
| Bath Parish, Dinwiddie County,                                                           | - | - | - | 3 00      |
| Brandon and Merchant's Hope Churches, Brandon Parish, Prince George County,              | - | - | - | 49 00     |
| St. Margaret's Church, St. Margaret's Parish, Caroline County,                           | - | - | - | 3 00      |
| Trinity Church, Trinity Parish, Louisa County,                                           | - | - | - | 7 00      |
| Trinity Church, Jefferson County,                                                        | - | - | - | 15 00     |
| Mt. Zion Church, Norborne Parish, Berkeley County,                                       | - | - | - | 44 00     |
| St. Thomas' Church, Alston Parish, Washington County,                                    | - | - | - | 16 00     |
| St. Paul's Church, Frederickville Parish, Albemarle County,                              | - | - | - | 9 00      |
| Buck Mountain Church, do. do. do. do.                                                    | - | - | - | 6 00      |
| St. Paul's Church, Upper Suffolk Parish, Nansemond County,                               | - | - | - | 20 00     |
| Abingdon and Ware Parish, Gloucester County,                                             | - | - | - | 14 00     |
| St. John's and St. Paul's Churches, Cumberland Parish, Lu'burg.                          | - | - | - | 43 00     |
| Emanuel Church, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County,                                       | - | - | - | 9 00      |
| St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County,                                 | - | - | - | 20 00     |
| St. John's Church, St. John's Parish, Brooke County,                                     | - | - | - | 42 00     |
| St. James', St. George's, and St. Michael's Churches, Accomack County,                   | - | - | - | 56 00     |
| St. Timothy, St. Luke, and Old Churches, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County,          | - | - | - | 4 00      |
| Grace Church, Petersburg,                                                                | - | - | - | 67 00     |
| Christ Church, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County,                                     | - | - | - | 29 00     |
| St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick County,                                                   | - | - | - | 41 00     |
| St. John's Church, St. John's Parish, Ohio County,                                       | - | - | - | 93 00     |
| Franklin Parish, Franklin County,                                                        | - | - | - | 10 00     |
| St. Luke's Church, Lexington Parish, Amherst County,                                     | - | - | - | 15 00     |
| Norborne Parish, Berkeley County,                                                        | - | - | - | 16 00     |
| Emanuel Church, Camden Parish, Pittsylvania County,                                      | - | - | - | 18 00     |
| St. Thomas' Church, West Russell Parish, Bedford County,                                 | - | - | - | 5 50      |
| Christ Church, Christ Church Parish, Brooke County,                                      | - | - | - | 10 00     |
| St. Stephen's Church, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County,                                | - | - | - | 36 00     |
| St. Paul's Church, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland Co., no report.                          | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| Zion and St. John's Churches, Truro Parish, Fairfax County, no report,                   | - | - | - | Entirely  |
| Fall's Church, Fairfax Parish, Fairfax County, no report,                                | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| St. Paul's and Beaver Dam Churches, St. James' Parish, Goochland, no report,             | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| St. Paul's, Frankfort, and Zion Churches, Hampshire Parish, Hampshire County, no report, | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| St. John's Church, Harper's Ferry, Jefferson Co., no report,                             | - | - | - | Entirely. |
| Christ Church, Henrico Parish, City of Richmond, no report,                              | - | - | - | Entirely. |

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| Old Church, Newport Parish, Isle of Wight County, no report, -                                         | Entirely. |
| St. Luke's, Salines, St. Mark's, and Coalsmouth Churches, Kanawha Parish, Kanawha County, no report, - | Entirely. |
| St. David's Church, St. David's Parish, King William County, no report, -                              | Entirely. |
| St. Paul's Church, Weston, Lewis County, no report, -                                                  | Entirely. |
| Clarksville Church, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County, no report, -                                | Entirely. |
| St. John's Church, Chuckatuck, Nansemond County, no report, -                                          | Entirely. |
| Rock Fish, St. Paul's, and Grace Churches, Nelson Parish, Nelson County, no report, -                  | Entirely. |
| Emanuel Church, St. John's Parish, Powhatan County, -                                                  | 16 00     |
| Clarksburg, Harrison County, -                                                                         | 16 00     |
| Bruce Chapel, Mason County, no report, -                                                               | Entirely. |
| Point Pleasant, Mason County, no report entirely, except -                                             | 2 00      |
| Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County, -                                                                   | 17 00     |
| Emanuel Church and Chapel, Lynnhaven Parish, Princess Anne County, no report, -                        | Entirely. |
| St. John's Church, City Point, Prince George Co., no report, -                                         | Entirely. |
| Winfield, St. John's, and Tiye Valley Churches, Putnam County, no report, -                            | Entirely. |
| Emanuel Church, Albemarle Parish, Sussex County, no report, -                                          | Entirely. |
| Oak Grove Church, Copel Parish, Westmoreland Co., no report, -                                         | Entirely. |
| Parkersburg, Trinity Parish, Wood County, no report, -                                                 | Entirely. |
| Wytheville Parish, Wythe County, no report, -                                                          | Entirely. |
| St. Paul's Church, Wetzel Parish, Wetzel County, no report, -                                          | Entirely. |
| Grace Church, Hampton Parish, York County, no report, -                                                | Entirely. |



## APPENDIX NO. VI.

### THE VIRGINIA FEMALE INSTITUTE FUND.

The Treasurer of the fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, reports to the Convention that he has received the following contributions to the fund since his last report, viz :

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1854.                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |          |
| May 15.                  | Balance on deposit in the Bank of the Valley at Staunton, per report of this date,                                                                                                                      |         | \$174 0  |
| May 17.                  | Received from Nelson Parish, Nelson County,                                                                                                                                                             | \$20 00 |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from G. W. Turner, Goochland Co.                                                                                                                                                               | 20 00   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from Edward Terry,                                                                                                                                                                             | 20 00   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per Rev. J. T. Johnston,                                                                                                                                   | 73 50   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from St. Paul's Church, Culpeper County, per Rev. J. Cole,                                                                                                                                     | 100 00  |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from James Gran, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per Rev. J. Cole,                                                                                                                              | 30 00   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from Miss Fanny Thompson, Culpeper County, per Rev. J. Cole,                                                                                                                                   | 20 00   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from M. B. Latane, Essex County,                                                                                                                                                               | 20 00   |          |
| May 17.                  | Received from Miss Lucy L. Temple, South Farnham Parish,                                                                                                                                                | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Montross Parish, balance of pledge,                                                                                                                                                       | 5 00    |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Dr. Wm. B. Cochrane, Middleburg,                                                                                                                                                          | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Charles A. Clarke, Halifax, per P. H. Foster,                                                                                                                                             | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Mrs. M. M. Foster, Halifax, per P. H. Foster,                                                                                                                                             | 15 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Mrs. N. J. Payne, Norfolk,                                                                                                                                                                | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Christ Church, Alexandria,                                                                                                                                                                | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from William Paul, Norfolk,                                                                                                                                                                    | 20 00   |          |
| May 18.                  | Received from Mrs. Mary Nelson, Richmond,                                                                                                                                                               | 1 00    |          |
| May 19.                  | Received from Antrim Parish, Halifax Co., viz: R. A. Murrill, \$1; J. S. Lewellen, \$10; Mrs. M. E. Grammer, \$3; J. Grammer, \$5; Miss M. L. Spear, \$2 50; T. G. Coleman, \$10; Mrs. M. Bailey, \$10, | 41 50   |          |
| May 19.                  | Received from William W. Lamb, Norfolk,                                                                                                                                                                 | 20 00   |          |
| May 19.                  | Received from a Virginian,                                                                                                                                                                              | 20 00   |          |
| May 20.                  | Received from Dale Parish, Chesterfield Co.                                                                                                                                                             | 20 00   |          |
| May 20.                  | Received from Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna Co., in full of pledge,                                                                                                                                          | 100 00  |          |
| May 20.                  | Received from Miles Seldon, Powhatan,                                                                                                                                                                   | 25 00   |          |
| May 20.                  | Received from Dr. Osborn, Prince George, Co.                                                                                                                                                            | 20 00   |          |
| May 20.                  | Received from Christ Church, Middlesex, Mrs. R.                                                                                                                                                         | 20 00   |          |
| Amounts carried forward, |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         | \$600 00 |

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| 354.     | Amounts brought forward,                                                                                                                  | - | - | \$600 00 | \$720 04          |
| May 20.  | Received from Drummondtown, Mrs. Dr. Brown,                                                                                               | - | - | 10 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from St. Mark's Church, Amherst County,                                                                                          | - | - | 6 90     |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Meherrin Parish,                                                                                                            | - | - | 2 00     |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Mrs. Brockenbrough,                                                                                                         | - | - | 10 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from E. S. and G. P. Tayloe,                                                                                                     | - | - | 100 00   |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from R. H. Cunningham,                                                                                                           | - | - | 100 00   |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Henry Carrington,                                                                                                           | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from G. S. Conway,                                                                                                               | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from J. T. Clarke,                                                                                                               | - | - | 100 00   |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from William Meade,                                                                                                              | - | - | 100 00   |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from T. E. Locke and others,                                                                                                     | - | - | 40 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from H. W. Sheffey,                                                                                                              | - | - | 20 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Mrs. Brockenbrough,                                                                                                         | - | - | 10 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from C. F. Lee,                                                                                                                  | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Parish at Buchanan,                                                                                                         | - | - | 45 00    |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from T. H. Claggett,                                                                                                             | - | - | 100 00   |                   |
| May 20.  | Received from Edward Terry,                                                                                                               | - | - | 20 00    |                   |
| Oct. 15. | Amount loaned out this day by the direction of Bishop Meade,                                                                              | - | - | 1,514 90 |                   |
| 855.     |                                                                                                                                           |   |   |          |                   |
| May 15.  | Interest on \$1514 90, from 15th October, 1854, to 15th May, 1855, (seven months,) Received at sundry times since the 15th October, 1854. | - | - | 53 02    |                   |
|          | From H. H. Cocke,                                                                                                                         | - | - | \$50 00  |                   |
|          | From Henry Gantt,                                                                                                                         | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
|          | From Arthur Brent,                                                                                                                        | - | - | 25 00    |                   |
|          | From T. H. Ellis,                                                                                                                         | - | - | 20 00    |                   |
|          | From F. H. Smith,                                                                                                                         | - | - | 20 00    |                   |
|          | From P. H. Foster,                                                                                                                        | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
|          | From Edmund Withers,                                                                                                                      | - | - | 50 00    |                   |
|          | From George Wilson,                                                                                                                       | - | - | 50 00    | 315 00            |
| 15.      | Amount bearing interest from this date,                                                                                                   | - | - |          | 1,882 92          |
|          | Whole amount in the hands of the Treasurer,                                                                                               |   |   |          | <u>\$2,056 96</u> |

E. E.

G. M. CARRINGTON, Treasurer.

# APPENDIX NO. VII.

## A LIST

OF THE

## PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

*With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in the order of the Counties.*

| COUNTIES.         | PARISHES.             | CHURCHES.                    | MINISTERS.                      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Accomac.....      | St. James'.....       | St. James'.....              | Rev. W. J. Elmer.....           |
| Accomac.....      | St. George's.....     | St. George's.....            | Rev. W. J. Elmer.....           |
| Accomac.....      | St. George's.....     | St. Michael's.....           | Rev. W. J. Elmer.....           |
| Albemarle.....    | Fredericks ville..... | Buck Mountain.....           | D. C. T. Davis.....             |
| Albemarle.....    | Fredericks ville..... | St. Paul's.....              | D. C. T. Davis.....             |
| Albemarle.....    | Fredericks ville..... | Christ, Charlottesville..... | R. E. Meade.....                |
| Albemarle.....    | St. Anne's.....       | Trinity, North Garden.....   | W. M. Nelson.....               |
| Albemarle.....    | St. Anne's.....       | Christ.....                  | W. M. Nelson.....               |
| Albemarle.....    | Walker's.....         | Grace.....                   | E. Boylen.....                  |
| Amelia.....       | Raleigh.....          | Grubb Hill.....              | P. F. Berkeley.....             |
| Amherst.....      | Lexington.....        | St. Luke's, New Glasgow..... | T. F. Martin.....               |
| Amherst.....      | Lexington.....        | Ascension, Amherst C. H..... | T. F. Martin.....               |
| Augusta.....      | Augusta.....          | Trinity, Staunton.....       | T. T. Castleman.....            |
| Augusta.....      | Augusta.....          | Boyden Chapel.....           | J. C. Wheat.....                |
| Alexandria.....   | Fairfax.....          | Christ, Alexandria.....      | O. B. Dana.....                 |
| Alexandria.....   | Fairfax.....          | St. Paul's, Alexandria.....  | J. T. Johnston.....             |
| Bedford.....      | Russell.....          | Trinity.....                 | W. J. Lynd.....                 |
| Bedford.....      | West Russell.....     | St. Thomas'.....             | W. J. Lynd.....                 |
| Bedford.....      | Heber.....            | St. John's, Liberty.....     | J. A. Wharton, officiating..... |
| Bedford.....      | Hamner.....           | St. Stephen's.....           | R. H. Wilmer.....               |
| Berkeley.....     | Norborne.....         | Mt. Zion, Hedgesville.....   | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Berkeley.....     | Norborne.....         | Trinity, Martinsburg.....    | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Berkeley.....     | Norborne.....         | Calvary.....                 | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Berkeley.....     | Norborne.....         | Christ.....                  | C. M. Oakley.....               |
| Botetourt.....    | Botetourt.....        | St. Mark's.....              | F. M. Baker.....                |
| Botetourt.....    | Woodville.....        | Trinity, Buchanan.....       | F. M. Baker.....                |
| Brooke.....       | Christ Church.....    | Christ.....                  | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Brooke.....       | St. John's.....       | St. John's.....              | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Brunswick.....    | St. Andrew's.....     | St. Andrew's.....            | B. F. Moore.....                |
| Buckingham.....   | Tillotson.....        | St. Peter's.....             | W. C. Meredith.....             |
| Campbell.....     | Moore.....            | St. John's.....              | W. H. Kinckle, officiating..... |
| Campbell.....     | Lynchburg.....        | St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....   | W. H. Kinckle.....              |
| Caroline.....     | St. Margaret's.....   | St. Margaret's.....          | D. M. Wharton.....              |
| Caroline.....     | St. Mary's.....       | St. Peter's, Port Royal..... | William Friend.....             |
| Caroline.....     | St. Mary's.....       | Grace.....                   | (Vacant.....)                   |
| Charles City..... | Westover.....         |                              | N. A. Ottum.....                |
| Charlotte.....    | Cornwall.....         | Roanoke.....                 | (Vacant.....)                   |

| WYCK.   | PARENTS.            | CHURCHES.                  | MINISTERS.           |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Ida...  | Dale...             | Trinity                    | A. B. Timard.        |
| ...     | Frederick...        | Christ, Millwood           | J. F. Hoff.          |
| ...     | Wickliffe...        | Grace, Berryville          | F. M. Whittle.       |
| ...     | Wickliffe...        | Wickliffe                  | J. D. Powell.        |
| r       | St. Mark's          | St. Stephen's              | John Cole.           |
| r       | St. Mark's          | St. James'                 | John Cole.           |
| r       | St. Mark's          | St. Paul's                 | John Cole.           |
| and     | Lyttleton           | Grace                      | W. C. Meredith.      |
| and     | Lyttleton           | St. James'                 | O. Bulkley.          |
| and     | Lyttleton           | St. Paul's                 | (Vacant.)            |
| le      | Bath                | Sapony                     | T. Ambler.           |
| le      | Bath                | Calvary                    | T. Ambler.           |
| h City. | Elizabeth City      | St. John's, Hampton        | J. C. McCabe.        |
| h City. | Old Point           | Centurion, Old Point       | M. L. Chevers.       |
| ...     | St. Anne's          | Vauter's                   | E. B. McGuire.       |
| ...     | South Farnham       | St. Paul's                 | H. W. L. Temple.     |
| ...     | Truro               | Zion                       | R. T. Brown.         |
| ...     | Truro               | St. John's                 | R. T. Brown.         |
| ...     | Fairfax             | Falls                      | R. T. Brown.         |
| r       | Hamilton            | St. James', Warrenton      | G. H. Norton.        |
| r       | Cedar Run           | St. Stephen's              | G. H. Norton.        |
| r       | Leeds               | St. Paul's                 | O. M. Callaway.      |
| r       | Meade               | Trinity                    | O. A. Kinsolving.    |
| r       | Piedmont            | Trinity, Salem             | O. H. Shield.        |
| ia.     | Rivanna             | St. John's                 | O. Bulkley.          |
| l.      | Franklin            | At Court House             | (Vacant.)            |
| k       | Frederick           | Christ, Winchester         | C. Walker.           |
| k       | Frederick           | St. Thomas, Middletown     | C. Walker.           |
| ter     | Abingdon            | Abingdon                   | Charles Mann.        |
| ter     | Ware                | Ware                       | Charles Mann.        |
| and     | St. James', Northam | St. Paul's                 | (Vacant.)            |
| and     | St. James', Northam | Beaverdam                  | (Vacant.)            |
| lle.    | Meherrin            | Grace                      | P. G. Robert.        |
| lle.    | Meherrin            | Christ                     | P. G. Robert.        |
| ...     | Antrim              | St. John's                 | John Grammer.        |
| ...     | Roanoke             | Brick                      | J. T. Clarke.        |
| ...     | Roanoke             | Catawba                    | J. T. Clarke.        |
| r       | St. Martin's        | Fork                       | Horace Stringfellow. |
| r       | St. Paul's          | St. Paul's                 | D. Caldwell.         |
| ire     | Hampshire           | St. Paul's                 | (Vacant.)            |
| ire     | Hampshire           | Frankfort                  | (Vacant.)            |
| ire     | Hampshire           | Zion                       | (Vacant.)            |
| a       | Clarksburg          | Bethel                     | R. A. Castelman.     |
| )       | Henrico             | St. John's                 | H. S. Keppler.       |
| )       | Richmond City       | Monumental                 | George Woodbridge.   |
| )       | Richmond City       | St. Paul's                 | (Vacant.)            |
| )       | Richmond City       | St. James'                 | Joshua Peterkin.     |
| )       | Richmond City       | Christ                     | (Vacant.)            |
| ...     | Patrick             | Christ                     | A. Wade.             |
| Wight.  | Newport             | Christ, Smithfield         | (Vacant.)            |
| Wight.  | Newport             | Old Church                 | (Vacant.)            |
| l.      | Ravenswood          | Grace                      | S. D. Tompkins.      |
| City.   | Bruton              | —, Williamsburg            | G. T. Wilmer.        |
| a       | St. Andrew's        | Zion, Charlestown          | C. E. Ambler.        |
| a       | St. Andrew's        | Trinity, Shepherdstown     | C. W. Andrews.       |
| a       | St. Andrew's        | St. John's, Harper's Ferry | J. H. Kohler.        |
| a       | St. Andrew's        | St. Bartholomew's, Lestown | (Vacant.)            |
| ha.     | Kanawha             | St. John's, Charleston     | T. L. Smith.         |
| ha.     | Kanawha             | St. Luke's, Salinas        | T. L. Smith.         |
| ha.     | Kanawha             | St. Mark's, Coalsmouth     | (Vacant.)            |

| COUNTIES.           | PARISHES.                 | CHURCHES.                   | MICKENBERG.         |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| King George.....    | St. Paul's.....           | St. Paul's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| King George.....    | Hanover.....              | St. John's.....             | William Friend.     |
| King William.....   | St. David's.....          | St. David's.....            | (Vacant.)           |
| Lancaster.....      | Christ Church.....        | Christ.....                 | E. Witham.          |
| Lancaster.....      | Christ Church.....        | White Chapel.....           | E. Witham.          |
| Lewis.....          | .....                     | St. Paul's, Weston.....     | (Vacant.)           |
| Loudoun.....        | Shelbourne.....           | St. James'.....             | George Adia.        |
| Loudoun.....        | Johns.....                | Emanuel.....                | O. A. Kinsolving.   |
| Louisa.....         | Green Spring.....         | St. John's.....             | E. Boyden.          |
| Louisa.....         | Trinity.....              | Trinity.....                | John Cook.          |
| Lunenburg.....      | Cumberland.....           | St. John's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| Lunenburg.....      | Cumberland.....           | St. Paul's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| Madison.....        | Bloomfield.....           | Piedmont.....               | W. T. Leavell.      |
| Madison.....        | Bloomfield.....           | Trinity.....                | W. T. Leavell.      |
| Marshall.....       | Trinity.....              | .....                       | Wm. L. Hyland.      |
| Mason.....          | .....                     | Bruce Chapel.....           | (Vacant.)           |
| Mason.....          | .....                     | Point Pleasant.....         | (Vacant.)           |
| Matthews.....       | Kingston.....             | Christ.....                 | G. S. Carraway.     |
| Mecklenburg.....    | St. Luke's.....           | Old Church.....             | Erskine M. Rodman.  |
| Mecklenburg.....    | St. James'.....           | St. James'.....             | Erskine M. Rodman.  |
| Mecklenburg.....    | St. James'.....           | St. Andrew's.....           | Erskine M. Rodman.  |
| Mecklenburg.....    | St. Luke's.....           | St. Luke's.....             | Erskine M. Rodman.  |
| Mecklenburg.....    | St. Luke's.....           | St. Timothy's.....          | Erskine M. Rodman.  |
| Middlesex.....      | Christ Church.....        | Christ.....                 | G. S. Carraway.     |
| Nansemond.....      | Suffolk.....              | St. Paul's.....             | A. S. Smith.        |
| Nansemond.....      | Chuckatuck.....           | St. John's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| Nelson.....         | Nelson.....               | Trinity.....                | F. D. Goodwin.      |
| Nelson.....         | Nelson.....               | Christ.....                 | F. D. Goodwin.      |
| Nelson.....         | Nelson.....               | Grace (colored).....        | F. D. Goodwin.      |
| New Kent.....       | St. Paul's.....           | St. Paul's.....             | D. Caldwell.        |
| Norfolk.....        | Elizabeth River.....      | Christ, Norfolk City.....   | C. Minnegrove.      |
| Norfolk.....        | Elizabeth River.....      | St. Paul's.....             | Wm. M. Jackson.     |
| Norfolk.....        | Portsmouth.....           | Trinity, Portsmouth.....    | J. H. Wingfield.    |
| Norfolk.....        | Portsmouth.....           | St. John's, Portsmouth..... | James Chisholm.     |
| Northampton.....    | Hungar's.....             | Hungar's.....               | J. M. Cheven.       |
| Northampton.....    | Hungar's.....             | Christ.....                 | J. M. Cheven.       |
| Ohio, Wheeling..... | .....                     | St. Matthew's.....          | E. T. Perkins.      |
| Ohio.....           | St. John's.....           | St. John's.....             | J. D. McCabe, D. D. |
| Orange.....         | St. Thomas'.....          | St. Thomas'.....            | Joseph Earnest.     |
| Petersburg.....     | Bristol.....              | St. Paul's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| Petersburg.....     | Bristol.....              | Grace.....                  | C. J. Gibson.       |
| Pittsylvania.....   | Camden.....               | Epiphany.....               | G. W. Dams.         |
| Pittsylvania.....   | Camden.....               | Emanuel.....                | G. W. Dams.         |
| Powhatan.....       | Geuito.....               | Grace.....                  | P. F. Bertely.      |
| Powhatan.....       | Powhatan.....             | St. Luke's.....             | Andrew Fisher.      |
| Powhatan.....       | St. James's, Southam..... | Immanuel.....               | (Vacant.)           |
| Powhatan.....       | King William's.....       | .....                       | A. B. Timard.       |
| Princess Anne.....  | Lynnhaven.....            | Chapel.....                 | (Vacant.)           |
| Princess Anne.....  | Lynnhaven.....            | Emanuel.....                | (Vacant.)           |
| Prince George.....  | City Point.....           | St. John's.....             | E. C. Mordough.     |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon.....     | Merchant's Hope.....        | E. C. Mordough.     |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon.....     | Old Brandon.....            | E. C. Mordough.     |
| Prince William..... | Dettingen.....            | St. James's.....            | John Towkin.        |
| Prince William..... | Leeds'.....               | St. Paul's.....             | John Towkin.        |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....           | Winfield.....               | (Vacant.)           |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....           | St. John's.....             | (Vacant.)           |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....           | Tiye's Valley.....          | (Vacant.)           |
| Rappahannock.....   | Bloomfield.....           | .....                       | W. T. Leavell.      |
| Richmond.....       | Lunenburg.....            | .....                       | W. H. Coffin.       |
| Richmond.....       | Farnham.....              | .....                       | W. H. Coffin.       |

| COUNTIES.     | PARISHES.     | CHURCHES.                    | MINISTERS.           |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Roanoke       | Salem         | St. John's                   | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| Rockbridge    | Latlimer      | Grace, Lexington             | W. N. Pendleton.     |
| Rockingham    | Rockingham    | Port Republic                | J. C. Wheat.         |
| Spottsylvania | St. George's  | St. George's, Fredericksburg | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| Spottsylvania | Berkeley      | Christ                       | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Spottsylvania | Berkeley      | St. John's                   | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Stafford      | Brunswick     | Aquila                       | Henry Wall.          |
| Surry         | Southwark     | Lower Surry                  | J. C. McCabe.        |
| Sussex        | Albemarle     | Immanuel                     | (Vacant.)            |
| Washington    | Holston       | St. Thomas's, Abingdon       | H. T. Lee.           |
| Westmoreland  | Washington    | St. Peter's                  | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Westmoreland  | Cople         | Oak Grove                    | J. G. Daahiel.       |
| Westmoreland  | Montross      | St. James's                  | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Wood          | Trinity       | Parkersburg                  | (Vacant.)            |
| Wythe         | Wytheville    |                              | (Vacant.)            |
| Wetzel        | Wetzel        | St. Paul's                   | (Vacant.)            |
| York          | York, Hampton | Grace                        | (Vacant.)            |

## RECEIPTS BY THE SECRETARY.

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In addition to the "Synopsis" of Parochial Reports presented by the Committee, the Secretary has received since the Convention, several reports.

The whole number of communicants as far as reported, therefore, are 6081. Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, about \$36,900 00.

There have been sent to the Convention Fund by

Trinity Church, Marshall County, Rev. William L. Hyland, Rector, \$14 00.

St. Luke's Church, Pedlar's Mills, Amherst County, \$10 00.

Falls and Zion Churches, Fairfax County, Rev. R. T. Brown, Rector, \$20 00.

Prince George County, Martin's Brandon Parish, Rev. Edmund C. Murdaugh, Rector, \$39 00.

Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Rev. C. Mann, Rector, \$6 00.

King George County, St. Paul's Parish, \$37 00.

Lunenburg County, Cumberland Parish, St. John's Church, \$11 00.

Hanover County, Immanuel Church, Rev. D. Caldwell, Rector, \$13 00.

Culpeper County, St. Mark's Parish, St. James' Church, Rev. J. Cole, Rector, \$23 00.

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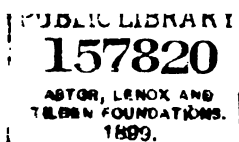
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## FORM FOR A PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE REV. A — B —.

----- County, ----- Parish, ----- Church.

|                                    |                        |               |            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|
| BAPTISMS:                          | Adults                 | White.....    | Total..... |
|                                    |                        | Colored.....  |            |
|                                    | Infants                | White.....    |            |
|                                    |                        | Colored.....  |            |
| COMMUNICANTS                       | Added                  | White.....    | Total..... |
|                                    |                        | Colored.....  |            |
|                                    | Removed.....           |               |            |
|                                    | Withdrawn.....         |               |            |
|                                    | Suspended.....         |               |            |
|                                    | Died.....              |               |            |
|                                    | Present number         | White.....    |            |
|                                    | Colored.....           |               |            |
| CONFIRMED                          | White.....             | Total.....    |            |
|                                    | Colored.....           |               |            |
| MARRIAGES                          | White.....             | Total.....    |            |
|                                    | Colored.....           |               |            |
| FUNERALS                           | White.....             | Total.....    |            |
|                                    | Colored.....           |               |            |
| SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....                | Teachers.....          | Scholars..... |            |
| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES  | Foreign Missions.....  | Total.....    |            |
|                                    | Domestic Missions..... |               |            |
|                                    | Diocesan Missions..... |               |            |
|                                    | Communion Alms.....    |               |            |
|                                    | Parochial Schools..... |               |            |
| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES | Building Churches..... | Total.....    |            |
|                                    | Other objects.....     |               |            |
|                                    | Post Office.....       |               |            |
| REMARKS:-----                      |                        |               |            |

## FORM OF A REPORT FOR THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.\*

Number of white Communicants in ----- Church, ----- Parish.

Rev. A — B —, Rector.

## FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A LAY DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION.

This is to certify, that at a meeting of the Vestry (or Trustees, as the case may be,) of ----- Parish (or Church) in ----- County, held on the ----- day of -----, A ----- B -----, who is a communicant in said Parish or Church, was appointed a Lay Delegate to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, to be holden on the ----- day of -----, in the year of our Lord -----.

-----, Rector,  
-----, Register,  
or Church Warden.

\* Only white communicants are assessed.

# DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA.

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## PLACES FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PETERSBURG, - - -      | <i>Third Wednesday in May, 1857.</i> |
| WINCHESTER, - - -      | " " " 1858.                          |
| NORFOLK, - - -         | " " " 1859.                          |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE, - - - | " " " 1860.                          |
| ALEXANDRIA, - - -      | " " " 1861.                          |
| STAUNTON, - - -        | " " " 1862.                          |
| RICHMOND, - - -        | " " " 1863.                          |
| WHEELING, - - -        | " " " 1864.                          |
| LYNCHBURG, - - -       | " " " 1865.                          |
| LEXINGTON, - - -       | " " " 1866.                          |
| FREDERICKSBURG, - - -  | " " " 1867.                          |

LIST OF THE CLERGY  
OF THE  
**DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,**  
MAY, 1856.

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- Rt. Rev. WM. MEADE, D. D.,** Bishop; Post Office, Millwood, Clarke County.
- Rt. Rev. JOHN JOHNS, D. D.,** Assistant Bishop, residing near Alexandria; Post Office, Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. Thomas G. Addison,** Grace Church, Caroline County; Post Office, Fredericksburg.
- Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.,** Trinity Church, Shepherdstown.
- Rev. Charles E. Ambler,** Zion Church, Charlestown, Jefferson County.
- Rev. Thomas Ambler,** St. James', Southam, Immanuel; Post Office, Jefferson, Powhatan.
- Rev. Francis M. Baker,** Botetourt Parish, Botetourt County; Post Office, Buchanan.
- Rev. P. F. Berkley,** Raleigh and Genito Parishes; Post Office, Winterham, Amelia County.
- Rev. E. Boyden,** Walker's Parish, Albemarle County; Post Office, Cobham's Depot.
- Rev. R. T. Brown,** Fall's Church, Fairfax County.
- Rev. T. T. Castleman,** Trinity Church, Staunton.
- Rev. Robert A. Castleman,** Clarksburg.
- Rev. J. W. Chesley,** Oak Grove, Westmoreland County.
- Rev. M. L. Chevers,** Chaplain in the United States Army, and Rector of Centurion Church, Old Point Comfort.
- Rev. John M. Chevers,** Hungar's Parish, Eastville, Northampton County.

- Rev. John T. Clarke, Roanoke Parish; Post Office, Talcott, Charlotte County.
- Rev. John Cole, St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper Court House.
- Rev. John Cooke, Ætna, Hanover County.
- Rev. William H. Coffin, Warsaw, Richmond County.
- Rev. David Caldwell; Post Office, Old Church, Hanover Co.
- Rev. Edmund Christian, Elk Union, Buffalo Springs, Amherst Court House.
- Rev. G. S. Carraway, Kingston Parish, Matthews and Middlesex; Post Office, Urbanna, Middlesex.
- Rev. C. M. Callaway, Leeds' Parish, Fauquier County; Post Office, Markham's Station.
- Rev. T. Grayson Dashiell, Cople Parish, Westmoreland County; Post Office, Hague.
- Rev. R. J. Davis, Trinity Church, Martinsburg.
- Rev. Dabney C. T. Davis, Albemarle County; Post Office, Charlottesville.
- Rev. G. W. Dame, Camden and Patrick Parishes, Danville, Pittsylvania County.
- Rev. C. B. Dana, Christ Church, Fairfax Parish, Alexandria.
- Rev. James Doughen, Lynchburg.
- Rev. Joseph Earnest, St. Thomas' Church, Orange Court House.
- Rev. A. Empie, D. D., residing near Richmond.
- Rev. William Friend, St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Caroline County.
- Rev. Andrew Fisher, Powhatan Parish, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan County.
- Rev. R. Gatewood, officiating in Lynhaven Parish, Princess Anne County; Post Office, London Bridge.
- Rev. C. J. Gibson, Grace Church, Petersburg.
- Rev. F. D. Goodwin, Richmond.
- Rev. John Grammer, D. D., Antrim Parish, Halifax C. H.
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- Rev. David J. Henderson, Cumberland Parish; Post Office, Non-Intervention, Cumberland County.
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- Rev. Robert Jope**, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. John H. Kehler**, Shepherdstown.
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- Rev. H. S. Keppler**, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish, Richmond.
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- Rev. W. J. W. Lynd**, Liberty, Bedford County.
- Rev. Charles Mann**, Abingdon and Ware Parishes, Gloucester Court House.
- Rev. James May**, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. R. K. Meade**, Christ Church, Charlottesville.
- Rev. Charles Minnegerode**, Christ Church, Norfolk.
- Rev. T. F. Martin**, Nelson Parish, Christ and Trinity Churches; Post Office, Tye River Warehouse, Nelson County.
- Rev. E. O. McGuire**, D. D., St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.
- Rev. J. P. McGuire**, Rector of the High School, Theological Seminary, Fairfax County.
- Rev. F. H. McGuire**, Boydton, Mecklenburg County.
- Rev. E. B. McGuire**, St. Anne's, Essex County; Post Office, Loretto, Essex County.
- Rev. William McGuire**, Fredericksburg.
- Rev. W. C. Meredith**, Tillotson Parish, Curdsville, Buckingham County.
- Rev. B. F. Mower**, Lawrenceville, Brunswick County.
- Rev. Edmund C. Murdaugh**, Garysville, Prince George.
- Rev. Edwin W. Murray**, St. John's Church, City Point, and Trinity Church, Bermuda Hundred.
- Rev. William Meade Nelson**, Scottsville, Albemarle County.
- Rev. Lewis C. Newman**, Missionary, Richmond City.



- Rev. G. H. Norton, Hamilton Parish, Warrenton, Fauquier.  
Rev. N. A. Okeson, St. Paul's, Norfolk.  
Rev. Joseph Packard, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary, Fairfax County, Virginia.  
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Rev. W. H. Platt, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.  
Rev. John D. Powell, Kabletown, Jefferson County.  
Rev. P. G. Robert, Meherrin Parish; Post Office, Hicksford, Greensville County.  
Rev. Erskine M. Rodman, Loch Lomond, Goochland County.  
Rev. Philip Slaughter, Agent of the Colonization Society of Virginia, Warrenton.  
Rev. Nelson Sale, West Russell Parish, Big Island, Bedford Co.  
Rev. Horace Stringfellow, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County; Post Office, Verdon.  
Rev. Kensey J. Stewart, St. Paul's Parish, King George; Post Office, Hamstead.  
Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Grace Church, Alexandria, and Editor of the Southern Churchman.  
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- Rev. A. B. Tizzard**, Dale Parish, Chesterfield; King William Parish, Powhatan; Post Office, Winter Rock, Chesterfield County.
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- Rev. Henry Wall**, Fredericksburg; Stafford Court House.
- Rev. Lewis Walke**, Assistant Minister Christ Church, Norfolk.
- Rev. Cornelius Walker**, Christ Church, Frederick Parish, Winchester.
- Rev. W. E. Webb**, Richmond.
- Rev. Edmund Withers**, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co.
- Rev. John H. Wingfield**, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.
- Rev. Rich'd H. Wilmer**, St. Stephen's Church, Bedford County; Post Office, Forest Depot.
- Rev. G. T. Wilmer**, Bruton Parish, Williamsburg.
- Rev. George Woodbridge**, Monumental Church, Richmond.
- Rev. J. W. Woodville**, Germania, Culpeper Court House.
- Rev. D. M. Wharton**, Berkeley, St. George's and St. Margaret's Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, Spottsylvania.
- Rev. John A. Wharton**; Post Office, Liberty, Bedford County.
- Rev. J. C. Wheat**, Vice-Principal Virginia Female Institute, and Rector of Rockingham Parish; Post Office, Staunton.
- Rev. F. M. Whittle**, Grace Church, Berryville.

## LIST OF LAY DELEGATES

IN ATTENDANCE UPON THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE PARISHES  
REPRESENTED BY THEM.

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- Rob't Dabney, St. James' Parish, Southam, Powhatan County.  
William J. Weir, St. James' Church, Dettingen Parish, Prince  
William County.  
Thomas S. Gholson, St. Paul's Church, Petersburg.  
Miles C. Selden, Powhatan Parish, Powhatan County.  
Charles A. Grice, St. John's Church, Portsmouth.  
Robert R. Duval, St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Parish, New  
Kent County.  
Carter H. Page, Grace Church, Walker's Parish, Albemarle  
County.  
James Entwisle, Jr., Grace Church, Alexandria.  
Henry Gantt, Christ Church, St. Ann's Parish, Albemarle Co.  
Lewis B. Williams, St. Thomas' Church, Orange County.  
Col. E. T. Tayloe, St. John's Church, Hanover Parish, King  
George County.  
Lewis Marshall, Piedmont Parish, Fauquier County.  
John F. Goodwin, St. Margaret's Church, Caroline County.  
G. W. Lewis, St. Peter's Church, Washington Parish, West-  
moreland County.  
G. S. Conway, Bloomfield Parish.  
Dr. H. F. Barton, Clarke Parish, Clarke County.  
Dr. E. J. Harrison, Leighton Parish.  
A. C. Randolph, Frederick Parish.  
B. F. Garnett, Christ Church, Roanoke Parish.  
Col. T. H. Smith, Grace Church, Latimer Parish, Rockbridge  
County.  
Col. G. M. Carrington, St. John's Church, Henrico Parish.  
Col. T. N. Burwell, Botetourt Parish.  
J. M. Baker, Grub Hill Church, Raleigh Parish.

- David W. Barton, Christ Church, Winchester.  
W. Y. Downman, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County.  
J. N. Ashton, Trinity Church, Portsmouth.  
Dr. A. T. Woods, St. Matthew's Parish, Wheeling.  
G. W. Bassett, Emanuel Church, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County.  
G. P. Tayloe, Salem Parish, Roanoke County.  
W. H. Brooke, St. Ann's Parish, Essex County.  
M. N. Osborne, Martin's Brandon Parish.  
D. H. Conrad, Trinity Church, Berkeley County.  
J. C. Mitchell, Lunenburg Parish, Richmond County.  
W. H. Fowle, St. Paul's Church, Alexandria.  
Dr. R. M. Garrett, Bruton Parish, James City County.  
C. K. Anderson, Nelson Parish, Nelson County.  
W. D. Jordan, St. John's Church, Heber Parish.  
T. Nelson, St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County.  
W. Pollock, St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.  
A. Temple, South Farnham Parish, Essex County.  
J. B. Dabney, Moore Parish, Campbell County.  
Dr. S. Patrick, St. John's Church, Charleston, Kanawha Co.  
P. P. Nalle, St. Stephen's Church, Culpeper County.  
T. R. Price, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.  
E. Tarry, St. Luke's Parish, Mecklenburg County.  
A. L. Seabury, St. Paul's Church, Norfolk.  
J. Taylor, St. Peter's Church, Port Royal, Caroline County.  
P. St. G. Ambler, Lexington Parish, Nelson County.  
Dr. W. J. Eppes, Tillotson Parish, Buckingham County.  
H. P. Lefebvre, St. James' Church, Richmond.  
T. Page, Lyttleton Parish, Cumberland County.  
J. W. Atkinson, Monumental Church, Richmond.  
Dr. H. Harris, St. Stephen's Church, Hanover Parish.  
G. Wilson, Church of the Epiphany, Danville.  
D. B. Fitzhugh, St. Paul's Parish, King George County.  
J. S. Eppes, Merchant's Hope Church, Prince George County.  
G. F. Harrison, St. James' Parish, Northam, Goochland County.  
R. H. Cunningham, St. James' Church, Culpeper County.  
J. Taliaferro, Lamb's Creek.  
J. C. Moncure, Aquia Church, Stafford County.

C. F. Lee, Christ Church, Alexandria.  
T. M. Boyle, St. John's Parish, Loudoun County.  
J. Galt, Rivanna Parish, Fluvanna County.  
S. W. Shelton, St. Paul's Church, Lynchburg.  
Dr. S. Carey, Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County.  
R. R. Tompkins, St. James' Church, Hamilton Parish.  
R. C. Ambler, Leed's Parish, Fauquier County.  
H. Carrington, Cornwall Parish, Charlotte County.  
F. E. Brooke, Grace Church, Caroline County.  
L. A. Boggs, St. John's Church, Berkeley Parish.  
Dr. C. Carter, Christ Church, Charlottesville.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1st. The Convention shall be opened every day with prayer.

2d. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, nor shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.

3d. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality.

4th. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case, the member so called to order *shall* immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, and the Convention shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate; and, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the Convention.

5th. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Convention, nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

7th. While the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, or across the house; nor in such case, nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

8th. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested, nor in any case where he was not present when a question was put.

9th. Upon a division and count of the Convention on any

question, no member without the limits allotted as seats of the members shall be counted.

10th. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Convention, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

11th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair and read aloud by the Secretary before debate.

12th. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President or any member shall require it.

13th. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

14th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely or to a certain day, to commit to a committee, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order they stand arranged.

15th. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

16th. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall be admitted only when demanded by a majority of the members present; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and farther debate on the main question.

17th. On the previous question there shall be no debate.

18th. When a question is decided by the Convention, or is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

19th. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it, but a question to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

20th. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

21st. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of

the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or next day.

22d. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he has leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

23d. The President shall, at his discretion, select suitable seats without the limit of those pews allotted for the use of members, which shall be appropriated to the exclusive accommodation of visiting clergymen, and candidates for orders, who may be invited by the rector or wardens of the church in which the meetings of the Convention are held, under the direction of the President of the Convention; it being expected that those to whom such seats are appropriated will confine themselves to the same.

24th. No spectator shall, during the daily sessions of the Convention, be admitted above or within the pews allotted to the members of the Convention; and it is expected and hoped that not only the spectators will attend to this regulation, but that the rector and wardens of the church in which the sessions of the Convention are held will see that this rule of order is not violated.

25th. There shall, on the *second* day of the Convention, be appointed by the President, unless otherwise directed by the Convention, the following standing committees, to consist of an equal number of each order:

A committee on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred the Addresses of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, on the opening of the Convention.

A committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

A committee on the Episcopal Fund.

A committee on the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

A committee on Parochial Reports.

A committee on the Admission of New Parishes.

A committee of Elections.

A committee of Finance, consisting of laymen.

26th. The credentials of the Lay Delegates shall be handed in to the Secretary, and be referred to a committee of one cleri-



cal and two lay members, which shall report who are entitled to seats in the Convention; and if there is any doubt as to the right of any delegate to his seat, the same shall be referred to the Committee of Elections, to be by the said committee forthwith examined into and reported upon to the Convention.

27th. When three members require it, the vote on all questions shall be by ayes and noes.

28th. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

29th. The business first in order, after the organization of the Convention, shall be the appointment of a Treasurer *pro tem.*, when the Treasurer is not a member of the Convention; reading of the Pastoral Addresses; the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, and the reception of the Parochial Reports by the Bishop from the clergy, who shall be called upon in alphabetical order for their reports, and (if required) the reading of the Parochial Reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may think fit.

# **JOURNAL**

OF THE

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.**

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**FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 21, 1856.**

This being the day fixed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Virginia, for the annual Convention of the same, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop, together with a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, assembled at 11 o'clock, A. M. in St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.

Morning prayer was read by the Rt. Rev. Jas. T. Johnston, of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, and the Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, of Grace Church, Lexington, from a portion of the 21st verse of the 17th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke: "The Kingdom of God is within you." A touching allusion was made to the lamented Chisholm and Jackson (both of whom fell noble martyrs at the post of duty in the plague-stricken cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth,) the latter of whom had been appointed to preach the Convention Sermon of to-day.

The sermon was followed by a brief address from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, in consonance with the spirit of the sermon, both of which were listened to with marked attention. Service being concluded, the Convention adjourned to the Lecture Room in the basement of the Church.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, then took the chair and called the Convention to order for business.

The Secretary proceeded to call over the roll of the Clergy

entitled to seats in the Convention, when the following gentlemen answered to their names :

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| Rt. Rev. Wm. Meade, D. D.  | Rev. F. H. McGuire,        |
| Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D. | Rev. E. B. McGuire,        |
| Rev. Thomas G. Addison,    | Rev. C. Minnegerode, D. D. |
| Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.  | Rev. Wm. McGuire,          |
| Rev. Francis M. Baker,     | Rev. W. C. Meredith,       |
| Rev. P. F. Berkley,        | Rev. B. F. Mower,          |
| Rev. E. Boyden,            | Rev. Wm. Meade Nelson,     |
| Rev. T. T. Castleman,      | Rev. G. H. Norton,         |
| Rev. R. A. Castleman,      | Rev. N. A. Okeson,         |
| Rev. J. W. Chesley,        | Rev. Joseph Packard, D. D. |
| Rev. John T. Clarke,       | Rev. W. H. Pendleton,      |
| Rev. John Cole,            | Rev. W. N. Pendleton,      |
| Rev. David Caldwell,       | Rev. E. T. Perkins,        |
| Rev. G. S. Carraway,       | Rev. Joshua Peterkin,      |
| Rev. C. M. Calloway,       | Rev. B. H. Phillips,       |
| Rev. T. Grayson Dashiell,  | Rev. John D. Powell,       |
| Rev. Dabney C. T. Davis,   | Rev. P. G. Robert,         |
| Rev. G. W. Dame,           | Rev. Erskine M. Rodman,    |
| Rev. C. B. Dana,           | Rev. Phillip Slaughter,    |
| Rev. Joseph Earnest,       | Rev. Horace Stringfellow,  |
| Rev. Wm. Friend,           | Rev. George A. Smith,      |
| Rev. Andrew Fisher,        | Rev. Charles H. Shield,    |
| Rev. J. E. Grammer,        | Rev. Kensey Stewart,       |
| Rev. John Grammer, D. D.   | Rev. H. W. L. Temple,      |
| Rev. C. J. Gibson,         | Rev. John Towles,          |
| Rev. James T. Johnston,    | Rev. A. B. Tizzard,        |
| Rev. W. H. Kinckle,        | Rev. D. M. Wharton,        |
| Rev. O. A. Kinsolving,     | Rev. John H. Wingfield,    |
| Rev. H. S. Keppler,        | Rev. Richard H. Wilmer,    |
| Rev. W. T. Leavell,        | Rev. Edmund Withers,       |
| Rev. Charles Mann,         | Rev. Cornelius Walker,     |
| Rev. R. K. Meade,          | Rev. Henry Wall,           |
| Rev. J. F. Martin,         | Rev. John C. McCabe,       |
| Rev. E. C. McGuire, D. D.  | Rev. Lewis C. Newman.      |

The Chair appointed Rev. E. Boyden, Col. T. N. Burwell, and L. A. Boggs, Esq., a Committee to examine the certificates of lay delegates.

The committee on the certificates of lay delegates having examined the credentials of the following gentlemen, reported them duly and canonically elected delegates to the Convention:

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| G. S. Conway,          | G. W. Bassett,    |
| Dr. E. J. Harrison,    | W. H. Brooke,     |
| B. F. Garrett,         | D. H. Conrad,     |
| Col. G. M. Carrington, | W. H. Fowle,      |
| J. M. Baker,           | C. K. Anderson,   |
| W. Y. Downman,         | T. Nelson,        |
| A. P. Woods,           | A. Temple,        |
| G. P. Tayloe,          | Dr. S. Patrick,   |
| M. N. Osborne,         | T. R. Price,      |
| J. C. Mitchell,        | A. L. Seabury,    |
| Dr. R. M. Garrett,     | P. St. G. Ambler, |
| W. V. Jordan,          | H. P. Lefebvre,   |
| W. Pollock,            | J. W. Atkinson,   |
| J. B. Dabney,          | G. Wilson,        |
| P. P. Nalle,           | Dr. J. S. Eppes,  |
| E. Tarry,              | R. H. Cunningham, |
| J. Taylor,             | J. C. Moncure,    |
| Dr. W. J. Eppes,       | C. F. Lee,        |
| T. Page,               | J. Galt,          |
| Dr. H. Harris,         | Dr. S. Carey,     |
| D. B. Fitzhugh,        | R. C. Ambler,     |
| G. F. Harrison,        | F. E. Brooke,     |
| J. Taliaferro,         | L. A. Boggs,      |
| Dr. H. T. Barton,      | Dr. T. M. Boyle,  |
| A. C. Randolph,        | S. W. Shelton,    |
| Col. F. H. Smith,      | R. R. Tompkins,   |
| Col. F. N. Burwell,    | H. Carrington,    |
| David W. Barton,       | Dr. C. Carter.    |
| J. N. Ashton,          |                   |

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Convention should meet daily at 9, A. M. and adjourn at 3, P. M.

The following Clergymen being present from other Dioceses, to wit:

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| Rev. George D. Cummins, | Maryland, |
| Rev. H. Dyer, D. D.     | New York, |

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| Rev. ——— Lounsbury,     | Pennsylvania, |
| Rev. ——— Maxwell,       | Pennsylvania, |
| Rev. H. R. Scott,       | Africa,       |
| Rev. Wm. Norwood, D. D. | Maryland,     |
| Rev. ——— Cooper,        | Pennsylvania, |
| Rev. ——— Maxwell,       | New Jersey,   |
| Rev. Theo. Irving,      | New York,     |
| Rev. B. J. Douglas,     | Pennsylvania, |
| Rev. Charles Howard,    | Maryland,     |
| Rev. S. H. Tyng, D. D.  | New York.     |

On motion, Clergymen present from other Dioceses were invited to take seats with the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, May 22, 9, A. M.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese took the chair and called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. J. H. Wingfield, of Trinity Church, Portsmouth.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and adopted.

The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, who were not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

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| Rev. R. T. Brown,       | Rev. T. M. Ambler,  |
| Rev. Robert Jope,       | Rev. John Cooke,    |
| Rev. Wm. Sparrow,       | Rev. J. M. Chevers, |
| Rev. George Woodbridge, | Rev. W. H. Platt,   |
| Rev. C. E. Ambler,      | Rev. J. P. McGuire. |

The Committee on the Certificates of Lay Delegates, reported the following gentlemen not present yesterday, to have been duly and canonically elected delegates of this Convention :

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| Robert Dabney,     | Wm. J. Weir,        |
| Thomas S. Gholson, | Miles C. Selden,    |
| Charles A. Grice,  | Robert R. Duval,    |
| Carter H. Page,    | James Entwisle, Jr. |
| Henry Gantt,       |                     |

The Secretary of the Convention not being present, the Assistant Secretary requested the assistance of C. F. Lee, Esq., at his desk.

On motion, the Convention requested C. F. Lee, Esq., to assist at the Secretary's desk.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, then read his report.

#### BISHOP MEADE'S REPORT.

The revolution of another year has brought us together again, to perform our several parts in the exercises of this our annual Convention. We meet to unite in prayers and praises to God; to preach and hear his blessed word; to tell what duties God has permitted us to perform, and what success has been granted to our efforts. According to rule and custom, it is mine to lead the way in the recital of official acts. I have reason to be thankful to the Author of all health and strength, that although increasing years might have expected increasing infirmities and diminished labors, I have been enabled to devote my usual allowance of six months to the visitation of the Diocese, while the other six have been in a degree unexpected or hoped for, employed in some researches and publications, which I trust may not be without interest and even value, to the Church of Virginia.

At the close of our pleasant and edifying meeting at Lexington, in May last, my steps were directed to Buchanan in Botetourt County, and thence to Fincastle; at each of which places a day was spent in religious exercises, though no confirmation was called for. Two days were then spent in Roanoke County; the first at Big Lick, where two were confirmed, and the second at Salem, where one was admitted to that rite. The service at Salem was held at the Methodist Church, which was kindly tendered to our use. I have reason to hope that it will not be long before an Episcopal Church will be erected in that place. My next visit was to Liberty in Bedford County, where two days were spent in religious services; several of the brethren from neighboring places meeting me there. Nine persons were confirmed. One day was then given to St. Thomas' Church, in the same County, when the daughter of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Sale, was confirmed. The two following days were spent

at St. Stephen's and Trinity Churches, in the same County, at each of which three were confirmed. A very heavy and continued rain prevented the fulfilment of an appointment at Pedlar's Church in Amherst County, where some were ready for confirmation. At Amherst Court House, which was next visited, five were confirmed; and at New Glasgow one. Nelson County was visited next. Three were confirmed at Trinity Church, and one at New Market. A good parsonage had recently been purchased at the latter place. My next visit was to Howardsville in Albemarle County, where one was confirmed in the Methodist Church. At the Church on Green Mountain, seven were confirmed, and at Charlottesville four. In Culpeper nine were confirmed at the Court House, and one at the new Church near Raccoon Ford. At St. Stephen's the congregation was very small, by reason of a heavy rain. In Prince William three were confirmed at Brentsville, and as many at Haymarket. One at Centreville. At Fairfax Court House, where the Sabbath before our Seminary exercises was spent, four were confirmed. The following week was chiefly devoted to the examination of the Theological students at the Seminary, and the pupils at the High School, to some religious services connected with the same, and to the ordination of that portion of the Senior Class which belonged to the Diocese of Virginia. The latter exercise took place on Friday, and closed the interesting services of the occasion.

It gives us pleasure to state that our Institutions on the Seminary Hill are, under the favor of Providence, in a prosperous condition. The High School continues to have the number of pupils to which it is limited by the Trustees, and is faithfully conducted by its Principal, whose affectionate and watchful care of the youths committed to the same, endear him to the parents as well as their children. We commend it to the continued patronage of the Diocese. The Theological Seminary still enjoys the smiles of Heaven. Never, with the exception of one or two years, has such a number of students attended its exercises, as at the present time. Peace and harmony prevail within its bounds. The Church of Virginia has not for the last few years reaped the benefit from it which she might have expected, and so greatly needs, as but a small number of Virginia candidates

have come forth from its walls. I am happy to encourage the vacant Parishes by stating, that a large number from the two next classes, after the present may be expected to supply their wants. It will be gratifying to the friends of the Seminary, to learn that some valuable additions have been put to the Seminary buildings during the past year. The Chapel has been enlarged to twice its former size, and much improved in its appearance, at a cost of four thousand dollars, raised for this special purpose, and not taken from the funds of the Institution. A fire-proof Library building, at a cost of seven thousand dollars, has also been erected, four thousand of which has been given by a generous friend in Philadelphia, and the remainder furnished by myself, out of funds left at my disposal by the late Mrs. Sophia Jones, of Prince William. To this place of safety we invite the deposit of all valuable books which our friends may be disposed to give, and all documents, such as Vestry books, Registers, etc., which it is important to preserve for future reference. To these improvements it is expected there will be added, during the present summer, another building to that in which the students reside, in order to the accommodation of more, should Providence increase our number, or to the better entertainment of our present number. For this purpose the congregation of St. George's, in New York, at the instance of its Rector, the Rev. Dr. Tyng, an old and zealous friend of the Seminary, has promised the sum of five thousand dollars.

After the services of the Seminary, I remained at home until September, when I visited the congregations in Berkeley and Jefferson. Beginning at Charlestown, I confirmed three persons. My next appointment was at Harper's Ferry, which failed by reason of indisposition, though my place was supplied by others. At Shepherdstown one was confirmed. Two at Hedges' Chapel. Three at Martinsburg. One at Bunker's Hill. Two at Smithfield. I held service also at Leetown. This visitation over, I proceeded to the North, and attended the annual meetings of the Missionary and Evangelical Knowledge Societies in New York. Returning to Virginia, I paid a melancholy visit to the afflicted cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and officiated in the bereaved congregations of the Rev. Mr. Jackson and Ohisholm. I shall add nothing to the much which has



been so justly said and written concerning these two martyrs in the cause of humanity and religion. I have discharged my duty towards them and their sorrowing congregations and relatives, by being instrumental in inducing the Rev. Mr. Cummins to prepare a memoir of his old and beloved associate, Mr. Jackson; and Mr. Conrad to do the same for his former and much esteemed pastor, Mr. Chisholm. I have not yet read these memorials, but I am told by those who have read them, that they are altogether worthy of the authors, and of the subjects, and therefore, I recommend them to a wide circulation in the Diocese.

I cannot dismiss this subject without referring to an effort made in behalf of the orphan son of the Rev. Mr. Chisholm. Being left, under such peculiar circumstances, to the care of the Church, I determined to make a special effort in his behalf—the children of Mr. Jackson being well provided for. In answer to my appeal, there has been received about sixteen hundred dollars, which has been placed in the hands of Mr. William H. Macfarland, of Richmond, to be invested in stock. It is my desire that it be allowed to accumulate for some years to come, in order to meet the increased expenses of his education, as he shall advance in age. Meanwhile, I suggest and recommend the following mode of defraying the present and aiding the future expenses of his education: About the year 1755, it pleased God to put it into the hearts of a number of the ministers of the Colonial Church of Virginia, to form a society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen. Their contributions to the same, with the interest thereof, amounted some years since to about ten thousand dollars, having been carefully preserved by some faithful guardians and placed in the hands of the Convention. Another society having since been formed, or the same renewed, the Convention thought proper to add the above mentioned sum to the funds, but with the understanding, and on the condition, that it might at any time direct an appropriation of a portion of the interest, as might seem proper. Although Mr. Chisholm was not a member of this society, and therefore his son not entitled to any thing from its funds, I propose to the Convention that it direct the managers of the same to appropriate the sum of one hun-

dred and fifty dollars annually for his support and education. I think it proper to state further, that he is at present under the care and tuition of two faithful aunts, sisters of his deceased mother, who will do ample justice to him in all respects. His promise as to talents and moral and religious disposition are most encouraging. Let us hope and pray that he may be a worthy follower of his lamented father.

From this digression, I return to the narrative of my remaining Episcopal notices.

In the months of October and November, I visited Richmond and the counties of Goochland, Cumberland, Buckingham, Amelia, Chesterfield, and Powhatan. At the Monumental Church, in Richmond, I confirmed sixteen, and at St. James' fifteen. In consequence of heavy rains, and indisposition, I could only reach one of the churches in Goochland, and neither of those in Fluvanna. I visited the new church on the borders of Louisa and Goochland. I spent a day at St. Paul's in Cumberland, confirmed three; also a day at Ca-Ira in the same county. At Curdsville in Cumberland, I spent one day and confirmed three. At Paineville Church in Amelia, I spent a Sabbath. At Grub Hill, in the same county, one day, confirming nine. Spent one day at the Church in Chesterfield, and confirmed five, all colored persons. At Genito Bridge in Powhatan, confirmed one. At Emanuel in Powhatan, confirmed three. At St. Luke's three, and at Manakin Town Church, the old settlement of the Huguenots on James River, five.

After spending three months in other exercises at home, my Episcopal acts were commenced the Sunday before Easter at Winchester, where fifteen were confirmed. On Easter Sunday three were confirmed at Millwood; and on the following Sunday, the same number at Berryville. After spending some time with the graduating class at the Seminary, in the early part of April, and one Sunday in Alexandria, I visited three of the Churches in Richmond. In Christ Church, I confirmed seven persons, on the afternoon of the 12th of April. In a few hours after it was consumed by fire. On the following morning, being the Sabbath, I was in St. Paul's Church, and in the afternoon at St. John's, confirming three persons in the latter. On the 14th, I visited, in company with two friends and relatives, old

Henrico Parish, below Richmond, where the Church of Varina once stood, where Commissary Blair and President Stith, and a long succession of our ministers once lived. A few broken bricks only are left to mark the first settlement in 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale, and the spot on which Rolph and Pocahontas spent nearly all of their brief connubial life; but these, with early history and subsequent tradition, are sufficient to identify them beyond all question. In my series of articles on the old Churches and Ministers of Virginia, I shall soon have some interesting communications to make as to this Parish. Proceeding down James River, I held services on Thursday evening, in the old Church at Hampton, when ten were confirmed, two of whom were from Old Point. On the following morning, two more were confirmed at Old Point. On Saturday afternoon, the 13th, three of the invalids at the Naval Hospital, near Portsmouth, were confirmed, being presented by the Rev. Mr. Talbert, the Chaplain at that station. On Sunday morning I held a confirmation in Mr. Wingfield's congregation in Portsmouth, and admitted six to that rite. At night I confirmed thirty-three in Christ Church, Norfolk. From Norfolk, I visited the congregation at Kempsville in Princess Ann, and that at Suffolk in Nansemond county. Two days were spent with the latter, and two persons confirmed. My next visit was to the congregations in Northampton and Accomac on the Eastern Shore; with whom I spent nearly two weeks. A severe though short attack of sickness prevented my attendance at two of them. Five were confirmed at Eastville, Northampton, and one privately in Accomac. The congregations in Accomac have been without a minister for nearly twelve months. My next visit was to Petersburg. In the basement story of the new and unfinished Church, the Rev. Mr. Platt, who has recently taken charge of St. Paul's congregation, presented nine candidates for confirmation, on the morning of the 9th of May; while the Rev. Mr. Gibson did the same for seventeen in the afternoon, in Grace Church. My appointments were at Hicksford on the following Saturday and Sunday, but through some mistake, notice was only given for the latter day, when five persons were confirmed, four of whom were servants. On the next day two were confirmed at Grace Church.

On Wednesday, the 14th of May, confirmation was held at the Church in Lawrenceville, in Brunswick County, when twelve persons were admitted to that rite, eleven of whom were servants. On Thursday one was confirmed at Trinity, and on Friday, five at Wilkin's Chapel. My last visits were made to the congregation at Sapony Church and the Court House in Dinwiddie county, which are now vacant.

From the foregoing statement of confirmations, it would appear that during the past year, two hundred and seventy-five have been admitted to that rite by myself. I am not aware on how many the hands of my brother Bishop Johns have been imposed, during the same period. Without a special investigation, I should say that the number annually confirmed since my advancement to the Episcopate, has been about four or five hundred. Sometimes it has gone far beyond this, and once reached a thousand, during a year when God's spirit seemed to have been more largely poured out on our congregations. When we think of this average, in connection with the population of Virginia, and even with the number of persons and families professedly attached to our Church, we have nothing to boast of; yet when we consider the difficulties which have opposed our success, we have reason to thank God for what he has done for us, and take courage. Having, during the past year, been engaged in the more special examination of the history of the Episcopal Church in Virginia, from its first establishment to the present time, I have had forced upon my mind the conviction, that few if any portions of the Church of Christ can have had more unfavorable circumstances to contend with, as far as its spiritual prosperity has been concerned. Commencing though it did in the most pious missionary spirit, it was soon assailed by numerous untoward events well calculated to arrest the progress of true religion. Many of its ministers partook most largely of the coldness and formality which, in a century after the Reformation, came over our Mother Church. Immense difficulties stood in the way of the successful ministration of the more pious, arising from the size of the parishes, the sparseness of the population, and the entire want of education among the people generally. The separation of classes—the great distinction between the rich and the poor, the educated and the illite-

rate laid the foundation for a great evil, over which we and our fathers have long mourned. In due time the fruits of this began to appear in the separation of Churches. The Revolution, with all its blessings, prompted this unhappy reservance. The rise and progress of dissent was attended with an increased prejudice against those who were more zealously attached to our Communion. A contest for and against the Establishment, for nearly half a century, in a great part of which politicians took an active share, left our Church, not only without her old emoluments, but a by-word and a proverb among the other denominations, and with those who, Gallio like, "cared for none of these things." The clergy, with a few exceptions, deserted the fast sinking vessel, and infidels triumphed over the scene. The beginning of the present century saw the Episcopal Church of Virginia in such a deplorable condition, so destitute of ministers and funds, her annual conventions abandoned, without any to represent her in the great confederated assemblies, that at one of the latter she was given over as beyond the hope of resuscitation, and a public record made of it. We cannot well conceive a state of things more unfavorable to a revival; and God's goodness and grace, in what he has done for us, must be measured and estimated by the difficulties which opposed the first efforts at recovery. Nor were these difficulties only at the commencement, when a mere handful of faint-hearted, discouraged, worn-out ministers were left. Prejudices of the most inveterate character have followed us to the present moment, on the part of many most worthy and pious persons, who have doubtless believed they were doing God and his cause good service, in warning all men, especially the poor of the land against our ministry and church. Politicians also have often found it to their advantage to encourage this unhappy feeling, and identify our communion with the ancient aristocracy of the State, under the Colonial Establishment. Under these circumstances, what but the blessing of God on faithful preaching and zealous labors could have given even the measure of success we have enjoyed, a measure so much less than might have been under more favorable circumstances. The success which has attended the labors of our ministers must be ascribed to the divine blessing on the preaching of a plain gospel, in a very different way from

that but too common among the former clergy of Virginia, and to a moral and religious deportment of a much higher standard than theirs. Nor have we increased the violence of prejudice and opposition by uncharitable denunciations of others, but rather diminished it not a little by a contrary spirit and conduct. Nor have we sought to multiply our communion by encouraging the unprepared to come to the solemn ordinances which are only designed for the faithful, that grace may be increased to them. Many more, for a time at least, might our ministers have presented for the rite of confirmation, had they regarded and recommended it as a converting ordinance, or one intermediate between baptism and the Lord's supper, requiring a less degree of grace than the latter, and imposing no obligation to observe it. So far as I know and believe, there is not a minister in our Church, at this time, who does not hold that the same faith, penitence, and holiness is required of those who come rightly to confirmation, as of those who worthily partake of the Lord's supper, and that the coming to the one is in order to the immediate reception of the other. I desire never to lay my hands on any, who intend to falsify the solemn vow, promise and profession, by turning their backs on the table of the Lord.

In estimating the amount of success attending the labors of our ministers for the last forty-five years, not for the purpose of boasting before men, or comparing it with that of others, but in thankfulness to God for his unmerited grace, we must take into account that Virginia, beyond any other part of our land, has for a long time been the nursery of the west and southwest, supplying vast numbers to the churches and States thereof. It is not wonderful therefore that our domestic increase in regard to churchmen and citizens, should have been seriously affected by the continual emigration of both. If the character of these colonists shall have contributed anything to the improvement of the places of their settlement, if, in many instances, they shall have proved the seed of Episcopal congregations in the same, we must be thankful for the honor conferred on us by the Lord, and rejoice that others increase, even if we decrease. Let it be our endeavor so to train them in the true principles of the gospel, and of the church of our Reforming Fathers, that those who leave us, may be blessings to whatever home they may select.

Let us especially be thankful, that God has so highly honored our Diocese as to rear up in our midst a school of the Prophets, which has long been, and is now more abundantly, a nursery of faithful Evangelist to other parts of the land, besides our own, and even missionaries to far distant countries.

By comparing our present condition with the past, we have therefore abundant cause for thankfulness and encouragement, though none for pride or boasting. I think I shall not err from the truth in saying, that less than fifty years ago, our number of laboring ministers was not more than twelve, and these were almost all old men, faint and discouraged, soon to cease from the little they were then doing, and with them, the universal expectation was, that the Church would come to an end, and the old temples and congregations fall into other hands. Some of these twelve probably did not number more than twelve as their average congregations, and the whole number of attendants throughout the Diocese could not have amounted to more than a thousand souls, perhaps much less. Compared with this small and most discouraging beginning, our present condition of an hundred native clergy and nearly two hundred places of worship, with seven thousand communicants, calls for devout gratitude to our great Head. Of how much greater increase our Zion is capable, until emigration shall roll back again, or at least cease to roll away from us, it is not ours to know. One thing is certain, that nothing but a continuance of the same evangelical and zealous, self-denying labors which God hath hitherto blessed, will avail for our future increase. May God give to us all the grace of faithful perseverance.

In closing this report I have the melancholy duty to perform, of referring to the recent death of our beloved brother and fellow-laborer, the Rev. George Adie. I need not speak his praises to those who have known him so long and so well. A more faithful and affectionate pastor, a more evangelical and practical preacher of the gospel, a more honest and upright man in all his dealings and intercourse with his fellow-men, a more tender father and affectionate husband is not left amongst us. May the father of the fatherless and the husband of the widow watch over and bless those whom he hath left behind, and the great Head of the Church send a worthy successor to his bereaved congregation.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted as the Rules of Order for this.

The Standing Committee now read their report of their proceedings for the past Conventional year.

Rev. R. H. Wilmer, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, on the affairs of the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton, made the following report :

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia :*

The undersigned, Committee appointed by the Convention held at Lexington, in May 1855, to carry out the views of that body expressed in its resolutions set forth on the 35th and 36th pages of its journal, beg leave respectfully to report :

That on the 8th day of March, 1856, the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Female Institute adopted certain resolutions, a certified copy of which is herewith returned marked (A.) From these resolutions, it will be seen that the Board certified that the whole ascertained amount of the indebtedness of the Institute had been paid off, with the exception of three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars principal, and one hundred dollars supposed to be the interest that had accrued in the hands of Col. Carrington, Treasurer, on the fund paid in for the purpose of discharging the debts. Your Committee suppose the Trustees were under the impression that the Treasurer had under his control a fund sufficient to pay the entire amount due from the Convention, and that as said fund had been loaned out at interest by the Treasurer, it would be proper that principal and interest should be applied to the purpose for which the fund was raised. It will appear, however, that this supposition was erroneous, and that the Convention had not raised a fund sufficient to pay the principal sum due from it.

It will further appear, from said resolutions of the Trustees, that the whole number of shares of stock in the Institute, including the seventy shares created in consideration of the \$7,000 subscribed by the Convention, amounts to one hundred and sixty-eight shares, of which by transfers and the creation of the new stock as aforesaid, eighty-five shares are vested in the stockholders of the Convention, and eighty-three shares in the other stockholders.



Your Committee further state, that one of their number, the undersigned, Hugh W. Sheffey, gave his personal attention and scrutiny in the first place to the question of the settlement and payment of the debts of the Institute over and above the sum stated in the resolutions of the Trustees, and he was satisfied that the ascertained indebtedness of the Institute, with the exception before stated, was paid off and discharged, the money having passed through his own hands, and he having taken the receipts of the creditors and filed them with the Board of Trustees. In the second place, he satisfied himself by an inspection of the list of stockholders that eighty-five shares constituted a majority of the whole stock of the Institute. Your Committee herewith return, marked (B,) the certificate of stock to the amount of eighty-five shares, in the names of S. H. Lewis, Alexander Brown, D. H. Conrad, Edward T. Tayloe, Rev. R. K. Meade, Charles Carter, and Thomas S. Gholson, stockholders of the Convention.

After receiving the certified copy of said resolutions, your Committee drew their draft on Col. G. M. Carrington, Treasurer of the fund, for the money in his hands. This draft was forwarded for collection through William H. Tams, Esq., Cashier of the Central Bank at Staunton, and upon that draft, Col. Carrington paid the sum of two thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars and twelve cents. The money so received was at once applied towards the payment of the debt to the Valley Bank, amounting, at the time, to two thousand six hundred and nine dollars and forty-seven cents; and the undersigned, Hugh W. Sheffey, in order to save the Institute from being advertised for sale under the trust deed, and supposing that the proceeds of the stock held by Bishop Meade would be forthcoming in a short time, gave his own note at 30 days for \$228 13, the balance of the bank debt. The other debts, as ascertained by the Board of Trustees, are in the hands of Breeze Johnson, Esq., attorney for various creditors.

The amount due from the Convention was ascertained by your Committee in the following manner: First, by reference to pages 42 and 43 of the journal of the Lynchburg Convention, 1854, where it will be seen stated in the report of the Committee on the Institute, signed by D. H. Conrad, Esq., Chairman,

that the amount then paid by the Convention towards the debts of the Institute, was \$3,000. The Committee say further, that there was then, under the control of the Convention, the further sum of \$800, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$174 04 in the Valley Bank at Staunton. The Committee further say, that there is still unpaid and in arrear \$3,026, which, with the fund on hand, would make about \$4,000 to be paid over by the Convention towards the debts of the Institute. For greater accuracy, however, your Committee referred to the account reported to the Lynchburg Convention, by the disbursing committee, consisting of Rev. R. H. Phillips, A. J. Garber, and Wm. W. Donaghe, from which it appears that the whole amount disbursed by the Committee was \$3,108 66 While the whole amount received was 3,025 57

Leaving the fund indebted to Committee the sum of \$83 09

No portion of the Convention fund, as your Committee is informed, has been applied to the payment of the debts since the Lynchburg Convention, except the amount received by your Committee. It appears on the 53d page of the Lynchburg Journal, that the Committee, consisting of Mr. Phillips, &c., were discharged from further duties.

From the statement made, it will be seen that the whole amount agreed to be paid by the Convention was \$7,000 00 And that the amount disbursed, as above, was 3,025 57

Leaving an exact balance due of \$3,974 43  
From which deduct the sum received and paid  
out by your Committee of 2,383 12

And the balance to be provided for by the Convention, exclusive of interest, will be \$1,591 31

Your Committee are not informed how much, if any thing, is due on the subscriptions placed in Col. Carrington's hands. They are informed that Bishop Meade has under his control a fund amounting to about \$900, which it is his purpose to apply to this object.

Your Committee, in conclusion, will add that it is important that the means to pay the residue of the debts should be promptly raised, in order to avoid further costs, and also the in-

terest which must now accrue at least, if not heretofore chargeable against the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH W. SHEFFEY,  
EUGENE DAVIS,  
RICHARD H. WILMER.

#### APPENDIX.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Virginia Female Institute, held March the 8th, 1856, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

“ WHEREAS, by letter of attorney, duly executed and filed with the Secretary, Nicholas K. Trout, is authorized and empowered to transfer fifteen shares of stock in the Virginia Female Institute, belonging to private Stockholders, to Samuel H. Lewis, and the other gentlemen hereinafter named as Stockholders of the Convention, which number of shares, together with the seventy shares already directed to be issued to them, will vest in said Samuel H. Lewis and others, eighty-five shares of the stock of the Institution : And, whereas, it appears from the list of Stockholders, that the whole number of shares, including the fifteen shares to be transferred as aforesaid, and also, the seventy shares directed to be created in consideration of the payment of seven thousand dollars by the Convention towards the debts of the Institute, will be one hundred and sixty-eight shares, of which a majority of the whole, to wit : Eighty-five shares will be vested in the Stockholders of the Convention, eighty-three shares remaining in the hands of private Stockholders : And, whereas, it appears to this Board that the entire indebtedness of the Institute, so far as it can be ascertained after due advertisement and inquiry, has been paid off. The receipts of the creditors or of their counsel, being filed with the Secretary, with the exception of the sum of three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars—that being the amount still due from the Convention—and one hundred dollars supposed to be interest in the Convention fund in the hands of Col. Carrington, the Treasurer; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That Nicholas K. Trout, the Secretary of this Board, issue to Samuel H. Lewis, David H. Conrad, Edward T. Tayloe, Charles Carter, Alexander Brown, Rev. Richard K. Meade, and Thomas S. Gholson, eighty-five shares of stock in

the Virginia Female Institute, and that he forward a certificate of said stock to said Samuel H. Lewis.

2. That the Secretary inform Hugh W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis, and Rev. R. H. Wilmer, the Committee appointed by the Convention, that the individuals who originally assumed to pay the debts of the Institute over and above the sum of \$7,000 assumed by the Convention, have, on their part, or others for them, fully performed their undertaking, and that the residue of the debts, amounting to three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars, remain to be paid by the Convention.

3. That if interest to an amount greater than one hundred dollars has accrued on the funds in the hands of Col. Carrington, Treasurer, this Board deems it but right that the whole amount of interest that may have so accrued be paid over for the indemnity of the parties who have settled the residue of the debts.

4. That the Secretary furnish a copy of these resolutions to Hugh W. Sheffey, Eugene Davis, and Rev. R. H. Wilmer."

Copy—Teste,

N. K. TROUT, *Secretary Board.*

Col. Carrington, Treasurer of the Fund for the purchase of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, presented the following report:

The Treasurer of the Fund for the Purchase of the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton, reports to the Convention, the state of the fund, and that he has paid over the whole of the same to the annexed order of the Committee of the Convention:

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| 1855.    |                                                                                                                                                 |            |
| May 15.  | Received, officially, amount in his hands at his last report of this date,                                                                      | \$2,056 96 |
| May 18.  | Received of Thomas H. Claggett,                                                                                                                 | \$100 00   |
| May 18.  | Received of John T. Clarke,                                                                                                                     | 100 00     |
| May 18.  | Received of Mrs. Bailey, of Halifax County,                                                                                                     | 5 00       |
| May 18.  | Received from the Monumental Church, City of Richmond, per Rev. George Woodbridge,                                                              | 10 00      |
|          |                                                                                                                                                 | 215 00     |
| 1856.    |                                                                                                                                                 |            |
| April 5. | Received the interest on \$1,882 92 (a part of the amount in hand at the last report) from 15th May, 1855, to this date, 10 months and 20 days, | \$100 41   |
| April 5. | Received interest on \$215, from 5th June, 1855, to 5th April, 1856, 10 months,                                                                 | 10 75      |
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|          |                                                                                                                                                 | \$2,383 12 |
| April 5. | Paid to the order of the Committee of the Convention                                                                                            | \$2,383 12 |

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the report of the Committee on the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, was recommitted to them for further details, Col. Carrington being added to the Committee.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees:

*On New Parishes.*

Rev. H. S. Keppler,  
Rev. E. Boyden,

David W. Barton, Esq.  
Dr. C. Carter.

*Finance Committee.*

David W. Barton,      T. R. Price,      J. B. Dabney.

The Chair appointed Col. Carrington Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Convention.

A petition was received from Grace Church, Alexandria, praying to be admitted into union with the Convention. The petition was referred to the appropriate committee.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the Committee on the Virginia Female Institute, made the following additional report:

The report was referred back to the committee with the view of ascertaining the exact deficiency on the part of the Convention. The committee retired, and soon after reported that there was a balance of three hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-one cents due from the Convention. This sum was immediately raised by persons present, and the full amount of seven thousand dollars made up.

The Committee on New Parishes made the following report:

The Committee on New Parishes have examined and considered the petition of Grace Church, Alexandria, to be admitted into union with the Convention of this Church, and respectfully report that said Church having complied in all respects with the requirements of the Canon, the petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

D. W. BARTON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report of the committee was received, and the petition granted.

Rev. D. Francis Sprigg, Rector of Grace Church, Alexandria, being present, then took his seat as member of the Convention.

A letter was at this time presented to the Convention from St.

Paul's Church, Richmond, stating Rev. F. D. Goodwin to be the acting pastor of that Church.

On motion, the Rev. F. D. Goodwin was then admitted to a seat in the Convention as a member of the same.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committee on Parochial reports:

Rev. H. S. Keppler,  
Rev. J. Peterkin,

Dr. M. N. Osborne,  
G. F. Harrison,  
C. A. Grice.

David W. Barton, chairman of the committee appointed at the last Convention to report a plan for the relief of disabled Clergymen, reported that in consequence of the absence of three members of the committee they were unable to make a report, he, therefore, requested that three others might be added to the committee.

On motion, Thomas S. Gholson, W. H. Fowle, and Col. F. H. Smith were added to the committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to attend Divine Service.

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*Half past 12 o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention reassembled after service, Bishop Meade in the chair.

The Secretary of the Convention appeared and took his seat.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on the state of the Church.*

Rev. J. T. Clarke,  
Rev. E. Boyden,  
Rev. R. H. Wilmer,  
Rev. D. Caldwell,  
Rev. John Cole,  
Rev. C. J. Gibson,  
Rev. J. F. Hoff,  
Rev. W. H. Kinckle,  
Rev. W. H. Pendleton,

D. H. Conrad, Esq.  
A. Temple, Esq.  
L. A. Boggs, Esq.  
A. P. Woods, Esq.  
P. St. Geo. Ambler, Esq.  
Col. F. H. Smith, Esq.  
Thomas Page, Esq.  
T. M. Boyle, Esq.

*Committee on the Episcopal Fund.*

Rev. C. B. Dana,  
Rev. E. B. McGuire,

J. E. Moncure, Esq.  
Dr. J. S. Eppes, Esq.

*Committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.*

Rev. J. Grammer, D. D.  
Rev. Andrew Fisher,

J. W. Atkinson, Esq.  
W. N. Jordan, Esq.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's report as related to the son of Rev. James Chisholm, was referred to the Committee on the Fund for the Support of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

A petition was presented from Martin's Brandon Parish, praying for a division of the Parish, and

On motion, the petition was referred to the appropriate committee.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report, whether in their judgment any, and if any, what system can be devised by which some of the experienced Presbyters of the Diocese may from time to time be enabled to substitute for their accustomed parochial labors, tours of missionary service, Evangelists in the extensive and destitute portions of our State, where openings of usefulness may be found.

The Chair appointed the following gentlemen such committee:

Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D.  
Rev. W. N. Pondleton,  
Rev. C. Walker,

D. H. Conrad, Esq.  
David W. Barton, Esq.  
C. F. Lee, Esq.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention, as the representative of this Diocese, which of course, has the deepest and most vital interest in the prosperity of our Diocesan Seminary, feels called upon to acknowledge with gratitude, the liberality of John Bohlen, Esq., of Philadelphia, and of the Rector and congregation of St. George's Church, New York, towards that institution, the former in erecting in part a Library building, and the latter in making a large addition to the Seminary.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committee on the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society:

Rev. G. H. Norton,                      G. S. Conway, Esq.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented to the Convention, was referred to the committee on the same.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a day to be observed throughout the Diocese as a day of special prayer to the Divine Head of the Church, that he will raise up young men to supply the great want of ministers in the Church, and that the Bishop will also furnish a form of prayer to be used in the churches on that occasion.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the election of Delegates to the General Convention and of the Standing Committee, be made the special order of business for to-morrow morning, immediately after reading of the Journal.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, proposed by the General Convention and submitted to the Dioceses, be made the order of business directly after the election of the Delegates to the General Convention and the Standing Committee.

On motion, the House adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled according to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair and called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. C. B. Dana, of Christ Church, Alexandria.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.



The following Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention, not being present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

Rev. Anderson Wade, M. D.

Rev. W. E. Webb.

The following Lay Delegates not present yesterday, appeared to-day, and being found duly and canonically elected, took their seats as members of the Convention:

Lewis B. Williams,

John T. Goodwin,

Col. E. T. Tayloe,

George W. Lewis.

Lewis Marshall,

The business in order at this time (being the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and the election of the Standing Committee,) was, at the suggestion of the Chair, postponed to allow the reading of the report of the Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D., the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, which report was then read by the Rev. J. F. Hoff, Bishop Johns being unwell.

#### BISHOP JOHN'S REPORT.

In enumerating the services of the last year, it is proper to include those which were performed in Lexington after the adjournment of the Convention. May 20, at an early hour, in Christ Church, I confirmed, and on the same occasion admitted the Rev. Thomas Ambler, and the Rev. Erskine M. Rodman to Priest's Orders. Each service was preceded by the customary address. At half past nine the same morning, at the request of the Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, I preached in their Hall to a large and attentive audience. In the afternoon I preached in the Presbyterian Church, and at night, in Christ Church, participated in the religious exercises which follow the close of our Convention. June 3. I preached at one of the Missionary stations in the vicinity of the Seminary. 11. I preached at King George Court House, and confirmed two. 13. I preached at Oak Grove, and confirmed two. 14. I preached at Westmoreland Court House. 15. I preached at Nomini, and confirmed nine. 16. I admitted the Rev. T. Grayson Dashiell to Priest's Orders, in Yeocomico Church. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. W. Chesley; sermon by the Rev. Dr. Sparrow; exhortation by myself. 17. At Richmond Court House I preached, and confirmed two. 18. At North Farnham I preached, and confirmed one. 19. At White Chapel I preached,

and confirmed two. May 20. At Kilmarnock, to which I rode through a heavy rain, the ways were so flooded, that no congregation could assemble. Here we were hospitably received by Mr. James Kelly, since deceased, whose interest in the Church and its institutions was manifested by a contribution of \$475 during last summer, to aid in enlarging the Chapel of the Seminary, and subsequently, by a legacy of \$2000 to its permanent fund. 21. I preached at Christ Church, Lancaster. 22. I preached at Christ Church, Middlesex; and in the afternoon at Urbana, in the neat and convenient house of worship, provided by the liberality of Capt. Bailey, recently deceased. A sketch of the eventful life of this remarkable man, may be seen in Bishop Meade's reminiscences of the Church in Middlesex. By his removal the Parish has been deprived of a most generous benefactor, and its occasional visitors of a kind and considerate friend, whose honest-hearted and abounding hospitality will be long and gratefully remembered. June 23. At Tappahannock, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ward, I addressed the congregation, and the next day preached and confirmed two. 25. I rode several miles, to the vicinity of St. Paul's, Essex, but as the Rector concluded that the weather forbid the hope of the congregation assembling, I passed on, so as to be in reach of my next appointment. June 26. I preached at Vauter's Church in the morning, and at night at Port Royal, where I confirmed one. The remainder of the week was occupied at the Seminary. 29. In St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, I admitted the Rev. Charles R. Howard, and the Rev. Jno. D. Powell to Priest's Orders. July 1. In St. Paul's, Alexandria, I admitted Mr. G. B. Reese to Deacon's Orders, and confirmed eight. In Christ Church, Alexandria, I admitted the Rev. Julius Sams, of the Diocese of South Carolina, to Priest's Orders, and confirmed thirteen. 14. I preached at Brentsville. 15. I preached in the morning at the same place, and confirmed one. In the afternoon I preached at Union Chapel. July 21. I preached at Warrenton. 22. At the same place, and confirmed two. 29. I preached at Herring Creek Church, Maryland. Aug. 4. I preached at St. Stephen's, Fauquier. 5. I preached at Haymarket. 6. I confirmed one person of the same Parish in private. 11. At Upperville, I preached and confirmed two. 12. I preached at Middleburg in the morning, and confirmed three; and at night I preached

again. 19. I preached in the Prayer Hall of the Seminary. 21. I confirmed, in private, a member of Christ Church, Alexandria. 22. In the absence of the Rector of St. Paul's, Alexandria, I delivered a funeral address, and performed the services at the grave. 25. I officiated under similar circumstances at the interment of a member of Christ Church, Alexandria. September 30. Worshipped with the new congregation in the Lyceum, and delivered an address, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Sprigg. October 7. I preached at Leesburg, and confirmed one. 8. I preached at the Plains, and confirmed two. 9. I preached at Salem. 11. I preached at Leed's. The unexpected and injudicious change of the place of the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, rendered it necessary to make a forced journey to New York, and to return as rapidly as possible to meet the appointments which had been published. October 21. In the morning I preached at St. John's, Richmond, and confirmed fourteen. At night I preached at St. Paul's, and confirmed seven. October 22. At Grace Church, Petersburg, I preached, and confirmed fourteen. At night, in the same Church, I preached, and admitted Mr. Robert Gatewood to Deacon's Orders. 23. At Hicksford I preached, and confirmed two white and seven colored persons. 24. At Grace Church, Greenville, no congregation on account of the rain. 25. At Brunswick Court House I preached, and confirmed three white and five colored persons. 26. I preached at Trinity, Brunswick, and confirmed two. 27. I preached at Sapony Church. 28. In the morning I preached at Dinwiddie Court House, and at night, in Petersburg, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Locke, I addressed the congregation of St. Paul's. 29. I preached at City Point. 30. I preached at Merchant's Hope. 31. I preached at Brandon, and confirmed two. Nov. 2. I preached at Abinglon Church, Gloucester. The services appointed for the next day were prevented by rain. 4 and 5. At Ware, I preached and confirmed four. 6 and 7. I preached at Trinity Church, Matthews, and confirmed two. 10 and 11. I preached at St. Paul's, Essex, and confirmed twelve. December 2. I preached in Christ Church, Alexandria. The increased number of students in the Seminary, and of pupils at the High School, together with the growing population in the vicinity, has made it obvious that an

enlargement of the chapel was indispensable. The appeal made for this purpose, to friends in the neighborhood, and at a distance, was promptly and liberally responded to, and on the 19th of December, I had the satisfaction of consecrating the new building to the service of Almighty God. On Christmas day I preached in the Chapel of the Seminary, and also on the 30th of December. January 3, 1856, at the request of Bishop Whittingham, I officiated at the opening of All Saints Church, Fredericktown, Maryland, and at night confirmed fourteen. The next morning I baptized in the same church, the son of a former parishioner. February 14. I preached in the Seminary Chapel. 15. I preached at Grace Church, Philadelphia. 17. I preached in the Church of the Messiah in the morning, and at the request of Bishop A. Potter, confirmed nine. In the afternoon I preached in the Church of the Epiphany. March 9. I preached to the congregation in Alexandria, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sprigg. 11. In the Seminary Chapel I admitted Mr. Robert Jope to Deacon's Orders. The service was read, and the candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. Packard; sermon by myself. Mr. Jope, immediately after his ordination, accepted an invitation from St. John's Church, Portsmouth. 18. By request of the Vestry of St. Paul's, Norfolk, I preached a sermon on the life and ministry of their late Rector, our lamented brother, the Rev. William M. Jackson. In Christ Church, Charlottesville, I preached on the evening of the 20th, morning and evening of the 21st, morning and afternoon of the 22d, (the second service being for the servants,) and morning and evening of the 23d. At the second service of the 22d, I baptized Richard Kidder Meade, an infant, and Anthony, a colored adult. March 31. I preached in the Seminary Chapel. April 4. I attended and participated in the interesting services of the anniversary of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Alexandria. April 17. I left home to visit the Western section of the Diocese. 20. I consecrated Christ Church, Clarksburg, sentence of consecration by the Rev. R. A. Castlemán, morning service by the Rev. Mr. Perkins, sermon by myself. I preached also in the evening. This handsome church has been erected by the indefatigable efforts of the Rector, who has the satisfaction of knowing that it is held by the Vestry without the slightest pecuniary embar-

rassment. 21. We proceeded in the face of a snow storm, twenty-three miles to Weston, where I preached at night, and though the ground was covered several inches, and the snow still falling, I was met by a large congregation. Three persons were confirmed, one of whom had come thirty, and another, a lady, sixteen miles, to enjoy this spiritual privilege. 22. In the morning, I baptized an infant at Weston. 23. I preached at Fairmont and confirmed two. 24. At Wheeling, examined T. H. Smith, a candidate for Deacon's Orders, in which examination I was aided by the Rev. Messrs. Perkins, and R. A. Castleman. 25. I preached at Wellsburg. 26. I preached at St. John's, Brooke county, and in the evening baptized an infant at Wellsburg. Both of these congregations are suffering for want of a minister. The church at Wellsburg, much reduced by deaths and removals, must, unless soon provided for, become extinct. 27. In St. John's, Wheeling, I admitted Mr. T. H. Smith to Deacon's Orders, morning service by Rev. George K. Warner, candidate presented by Rev. Mr. Perkins, sermon by myself. It is expected that the Rev. Mr. Smith will be settled at Weston, and relieve the Rev. R. A. Castleman of a part of his too extended field of labor. At night, I preached in St. Matthew's Church, and confirmed eighteen. 30. I preached at Moundsville, and confirmed eight. At night, I preached in St. John's, Wheeling, and confirmed six. The Rev. Mr. Warner acting as Rector of the Church, has been officiating there but a few weeks. 30. I preached at Cow Creek. May 1. I preached at Parkersburg and confirmed one. May 2. I preached at Ravenswood and confirmed four. 3. I preached at Point Pleasant. 4. At Bruce Chapel, Mercer's Bottom. 5. I preached at Buffalo. The last three places are Missionary stations, and greatly need the services of a faithful minister. At Charleston, Kanawha, and the vicinity, though suffering from a severe cold and sore throat, I was enabled to perform the following services: In St. John's Church, I preached on the 9th at night. 10. Morning and night. 11. In the morning, and confirmed nine. In the afternoon, I rode to the Salines, preached and confirmed four. This service was conducted in the Methodist Church kindly loaned us, our own having, during the last year fallen down, in consequence of its defective foundation.

With commendable promptness, another building has been commenced on a different site, and judging from its appearance as far as it has progressed, it promises to be substantial and commodious. I very much regret that I was prevented by indisposition, from visiting the Church at Coalsmouth, still without a Rector. The Rev. Messrs. Smith and Tompkins officiated there for me, and from their report, as well as from conversation with one of the Vestry, whom I saw in Charleston, I learned the deep concern of the people on account of their lamentable destitution, and their great anxiety to be supplied. In this beautiful portion of the valley of the Kanawha, there is no preaching of any kind. The condition of this congregation, and the fact that near to it there are extensive mining establishments, with numerous operatives, and their families, who prefer the services of our Church, and have often and earnestly applied for them, render this region one of peculiar interest, as a field for Missionary enterprise. May 12. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. Tompkins, I left Charleston at daybreak in the stage, and at 5, P. M., reached Guayandotte. Here I had no appointment, but I brought with me a letter to the only resident presumed to be connected with the Church, that if practicable, we might have service there at night, but it was concluded that we had arrived too late to circulate the notice, and the design was abandoned. Our next object was to secure the first packet which should pass up the river. The gentleman at the wharf boat, who answered our inquiries, proved to be a communicant of the Church, originally from Ohio, but for several years in business in Guayandotte, during all which time he had been deprived of the services he loved, except at long intervals when away from home. He had noticed the series of appointments along the Kanawha valley, and proposed joining us there, but found it out of his power, and now, conjecturing who we were, he followed us with the inquiry. On learning that his conjecture was correct, and that we had wished to hold a service there that night, but that it had been deemed too late to give the necessary notice, he and a Methodist gentleman standing near, volunteered to make the experiment, and do all they could to collect a congregation. They, uniting with the friend to whom I had brought the letter of introduction, and being materially assisted

by a highly respectable and influential gentleman, who with his family were attached to the Church, the arrangements were soon made, and at the usual hour I had the satisfaction of preaching to a large audience, assembled in the Methodist Church. The next morning before breakfast, I baptized an infant, Henry Livingston Webb, of the family already alluded to. Whilst in Guyandotte, I was brought into communication with a company of intelligent and enterprising gentlemen from the State of New York, who were about closing the purchase of a tract of twenty thousand acres of land in the vicinity, for the purpose of establishing a large agricultural settlement. With two exceptions, they were Episcopalians, and all expressed great interest to have our services brought within their reach. I cannot but hope that this visit may soon lead to the establishment of a Missionary in that part of Cabell county.

A tour of about 1500 miles accomplished without hurt or serious hindrance, furnishes abundant cause for thankfulness.

The impression produced in this visitation, by all I saw and heard, served but to deepen my conviction of the greatness of the work to be done in that very interesting but comparatively very destitute portion of the Diocese, and to be essayed speedily, if we would avail ourselves of the advantages which now invite us to prompt and energetic action. I do not mean to intimate that it would be without trials and discouragements. These, more or less, are inseparable from the work, wherever commenced, and in our West, difficulties of a peculiar kind may be encountered at the outset. But, then there are the people pleading for the presence and service of the Christian ministry, with an appeal as distinct and intelligible, as the call that fell on the ear of the Apostle at Troas. And who will go "over and help them?" The cry of Africa is heard—the distant call of China is heard—there is scarce a heathen people, the recital of whose necessities does not find a sympathetic cord in the bosom of some of those who are commissioned to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and this is as it should be. But shall our own people be unheard or unheeded? Unheard they shall not be, for I am commissioned to state their wants, and urge their claims, and could I execute that commission with an ability at all equal to the interest which I feel, or could I vividly repre-

sent the scenes through which my recent visitation has carried me, I am persuaded some would be ready to respond, "here are we, send us." I know the demand for ministerial service, and doubt not that the paucity of the supply is, in part, the cause of the continued destitution to which I allude, and so I have explained it to those who have complained to me, as if no one cared for their souls—yet I cannot but think, that if the present state of the border, and some of the interior counties was rightly apprehended, they would command a larger proportion of our clerical force, than they have yet been privileged to receive. Means for their reasonable support will not be wanting. The people themselves are prepared to furnish part, and there is, I am confident, a heart in this Diocese to provide what may be further needed. What we want is the men—humble, earnest, active men—who are ready to endure hardships for Christ's sake, and the Gospel's. For want of such the work stands. Let us then, with increasing earnestness and importunity, pray that the Lord will "send forth more laborers into his harvest."

J. JOHNS.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, That the stockholders of the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton, who represent the interests of this Convention, be requested and instructed to devise such measures among themselves as shall insure the presence of one or more of their number at all meetings of the stockholders.

The committee on new parishes presented the following report and resolution :

The committee on new parishes have considered the petition of sundry residents of Prince George and Surry counties, praying that the congregation which worships at Brandon Church, within the limits of Martin's Brandon Parish, may be separated from said Parish, and that the Church at Cabin Point, in the county of Surry, and within the limits of the parish of Southwark, may be separated from said parish, and united to Brandon Church, so that the two may constitute a new parish. The petitioners seem to have complied with the requirements of the canon, in regard to notice, &c., with one exception, which the committee do not feel themselves authorized to overlook. The 11th canon, in its 2d section, in prescribing the terms of



the notice to be given to the Bishop, and vestry of the old parish, of the intended application, expressly requires that the *notice* shall contain a description of *the proposed line or lines of division*. In the petition now before us no such designation of boundaries is given, and it is admitted that the notice is defective in the same particular. The 12th canon, however, in relation to new congregations, dispenses with this requirement, and the committee has suggested to the friends of the measure the propriety of altering the terms of their application, so that it may be regarded as a prayer for permission to form a new congregation at "Brandon Church," embracing a portion of the people of Martin's Brandon Parish and of Southwark Parish. The ends of the petitioners will be as effectually attained in this way as by the erection of a new parish, which cannot be done without a new notice and a distinct definition of boundary. In this modified form the grant will not be in *literal* conformity with the prayer, or with the notice, but the variance is not sufficient, in the opinion of your committee, to justify an absolute rejection of the application; and as it is understood that a spirit of concord and mutual concession has marked the whole procedure, it is very desirable that mere technical difficulties should not disappoint the expectations and wishes of those most concerned. They, therefore, report the following resolution, for the adoption of the Convention :

*Resolved*, That the congregation at Brandon Church, in Martin's Brandon Parish, composed, in part, of residents of said Parish, and of residents in the adjacent Parish of Southwark, accustomed to worship at Brandon Church, shall constitute a separate congregation, and be admitted to commune with them with all the rights and powers, severally thereto pertaining, and that the delegates from the old and new congregations now present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

On motion the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted.

The order for the election of delegates to General Convention being now called up, the Convention, after hearing various nominations for clerical delegates, proceeded to ballot, when the following gentlemen of the clergy were declared to be elected :

Rev. C. W. Andrews, D. D.

Rev. J. Peterkin,

Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D.

Rev. W. N. Pendleton.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for Lay Delegates, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Church, when the following gentlemen were declared to be elected:

D. H. Conrad, Esq.

Hon. W. C. Rives,

Col. F. H. Smith,

Philip Williams, Esq.

Rev. J. Grammer, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on the Fund for the Support of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, presented the following report:

The Committee on the account of the Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans Fund, would report that there has not come into hands any separate account of this fund. The Treasurer, probably, through inadvertence blended this account with his report to the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen. From an examination the Committee are satisfied that the condition of the fund held by the said Treasurer, in behalf of the Convention, is as it was when the last report was rendered.

In reference to that part of the Bishop's address, referred to this Committee, we would report that, on application to the Society, for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, that Society, at its annual meeting, held on yesterday, adopted a resolution directing the Treasurer to pay annually, until otherwise ordered, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars out of the annual profits which shall come into his hands from the said fund, to the legal guardian of the orphan son of the late Rev. James Chisholm, deceased.

All of which is respectfully reported,

J. GRAMMER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society, presented the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society report that they find the account correct, the vouchers in one item only, being wanted; no doubt through accident.

G. H. NORTON, *Chairman*.

[For Treasurer's Account see Appendix, No. 4.]

The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented the following report :

The Committee respectfully report, that during the past year the Society has contributed to the support of the following Missionaries, namely : Revs. A. B. Tizzard, J. C. Wheat, J. C. McCabe, R. T. Brown, R. A. Castleman, S. D. Tompkins, W. T. Leavell, William N. Pendleton, William L. Hyland, Thos. G. Addison, Chauncy Colton, D. D., and Willington E. Webb. One hundred dollars were also contributed to the support of the Rev. Mr. Walke while he was officiating in Norfolk during the prevalence of the yellow fever.

While the means of the Society are still inadequate to supply all the wants of the Diocese, the committee cannot doubt that much good has been accomplished, and they are encouraged to hope that its usefulness and efficiency will be greatly increased for the future. They, therefore, most earnestly commend the Society to the sympathy and support of the Church.

JOHN O. STEGER, *Sec'y.*

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That there should be no alternate delegates elected to the General Convention.

The order for the election of the Standing Committee being called up, the Convention proceeded to ballot for the same, when the committee of last year were unanimously reelected, being the following gentlemen :

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| Rev. C. B. Dana,        | Dr. Orlando Fairfax, |
| Rev. Wm. Sparrow, D. D. | John Hooff, Esq.     |
| Rev. James T. Johnston, | Cassius F. Lee, Esq. |

The order for the consideration of alterations in certain articles of the Constitution of the Church, proposed by the General Convention to the Diocese in connection therewith, being called up, and the proposed alterations read to the Convention, the first alteration was concurred in, to wit;

#### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II.

“The Church in each Diocese shall be entitled to a representation of both the clergy and the laity. (*Such representation shall consist of not more than four clergymen and four laymen—Communicants in this Church, residents in the Diocese, and chosen in the manner prescribed by the Convention thereof.*”)

## AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V.

"No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters* who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than *thirty self-supporting parishes, or less than twenty presbyters* who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned, *provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.*"

## AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI.

"In every Diocese, the mode of trying presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese *until the General Convention shall provide a uniform mode of trial.*"

On motion, the consideration of the remaining proposed alterations was made the order of business directly after the reading of the minutes to-morrow morning.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourn it adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, on the 3d Wednesday in May, 1857.

On motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the Secretary have printed 1000 copies of the proceedings of this Convention.

Rev. E. C. McGuire in the chair.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

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SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, took the chair and called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. P. F. Berkley, of Raleigh Parish, Amelia county.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to report a

plan for the relief of disabled Clergymen, presented the following report, accompanied with resolutions:

The committee appointed at the last Convention "to devise and report a scheme for the relief of disabled clergymen," have given to the subject their earnest and prayerful consideration, aided, as opportunity has offered, by the councils of clerical and lay brethren, without as well as within the limits of this Diocese; and aided still more effectually by the example and practice of other Dioceses where measures like that proposed have been for years in actual and successful operation.

Before proceeding to recommend a scheme which seems to your committee most likely to secure the desired object, it may not be deemed irrelevant or out of place for us to state, that our first impressions as to the importance and necessity of such a provision have not been removed; but, on the contrary, deepened and confirmed by further reflection. The clergy of Virginia are, for the most part, men of very moderate fortunes; or, to adapt the phrase more precisely to the fact, they are—with here and there a rare exception—wholly without fortune, dependent, as long as they confine themselves to their sacred calling, upon the scanty salaries paid, or promised to them by their congregations. This annual stipend rarely exceeds, if it ever comes up to, the needful and most frugal expenditures of the year; utterly forbidding the hope or calculation—which cheers the labor of other men's lives—that from earnings of youth and vigorous manhood, a pittance may be spared and prudently husbanded for decrepid old age. It has, indeed, so happened in the merciful providence of God, that but few examples have yet occurred among the clergy of our State and Church of helpless destitution or serious want, occasioned by age or bodily infirmity; but, that cases will occur, and are most likely soon to occur, may be read not only in the general doom of our frail humanity, but is brought more directly home to us in the gray hairs and bending forms of not a few of those who make up the number of this body. That God in his goodness will in *some way* provide solace and relief for his aged and faithful servants, none can doubt. That the bleak common or the comfortless poor-house, or—what is hardly less bleak and comfortless—the cold and reluctant offering of private charity, is ever to be the lot of one of these brethren, we can scarcely bring ourselves to believe.

But God in his providence is pleased to work by reasonable means, and in the conduct of human affairs, human agencies are usually employed. And whilst his goodness and wisdom, which are "over all his works," may be especially relied on, to shelter and comfort the declining years of those, who, having so long done battle in his cause, become at last, unable to bear the weight of the armor, it seems not irreverent or unwarrantable in us to presume that *we* have a duty to perform in this matter, and that we may be His appointed instruments in this work of beneficence and justice. With humble reliance, then, on his help and guidance, let us apply ourselves to the task.

In making the proposed provision, and rendering it available and useful, three principal questions have been considered by the committee:

1st. The size of the fund needed for the object, and the manner of raising it.

2d. The proper mode of securing, investing, and holding it.

3d. Rules for its proper application, and chiefly the proper mode of selecting the beneficiaries of the fund, and of measuring the aid to be afforded.

And, first. Looking to the present state of our Diocese, and basing some calculations for the future on the existence of the past, a fund of no great size—yielding, we will say, an annual revenue of \$1,000—would, for a time at least, meet all probable exigencies. Your committee cannot doubt that, by proper explanations and appeals, the laity of the Church could be induced promptly to subscribe an amount large enough to ensure such an annuity; but lest this should prove an unsafe reliance, they suggest and recommend the practice of other Dioceses in which the necessary annuity, and something more to be added to the fund, is raised by a general collection, to be made on some stated day, in every congregation of the Diocese. A spirited appeal from the standing committee of the fund, with a brief explanation of its objects, might, on such occasions, be read by the ministers to their several charges, and the remote and very contingent interest which each minister would have in the object of the collection, whilst it might be sufficient to secure his attention to the duty, would hardly be direct or personal enough to make him scruple to urge the claims on the liberality of his people.

Secondly. If this primary object—the raising of the fund—shall be attained, *“the best method of securing or founding it,”* will be the next consideration; and the question is not without its difficulties, but they are difficulties which belong to the conduct of all the financial and temporal interests of our own and other Churches in Virginia. As long as we have Church organizations, or associated Christians, by whatever name they may be called, the use of money and other property will be indispensable to their proper management. It is worse than utopian to expect the time when such instrumentalities may be dispensed with. To hold invests secure, and properly manage this money and property, a simple act of incorporation, with limited guarded powers, may well be suggested as the best expedient. But we may hardly hope to change the jealous policy of the State upon that subject, although we would fain believe that public opinion is ready to surrender the inconvenient abstraction. Keeping, therefore, within the law *as it is*, and not presuming to do anything which it does not sanction, we propose that a committee be appointed by the Convention—to consist of five responsible laymen—by whom, and in whose name this fund shall be held, handled, invested, and disbursed. The bonds, transfers of stock, and other forms of investment to be so prepared as to keep the fund distinct from the private property of the persons composing the committee, and to prevent any misappropriation in case of the death of either or any of its members. Against its fraudulent misapplication by the living members of the committee we can at least have no security but in their high sense of honor and Christian integrity.

The third and last question considered by your committee, is the mode of selecting, and the principle of selection, of the beneficiaries of the fund. There are reasons obvious enough why it should not be done by the bishops nor by the clergy, and yet it would seem proper that those to whom the delicate and responsible duty is confided, should fairly represent the sentiment and judgment of the whole Diocese. This end, it is believed, can be attained well enough for all substantial and practical purposes, by granting the power to the committee of five who derive their office annually from the Convention, and who will be expected annually to account and report to that body.

The committee conclude by advising the following plan, which

they submit to the adoption of the Convention in the form of resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That a fund for the aid and relief of clergymen disabled by age, sickness, or infirmity, be raised by private donation, and by an annual collection, to be taken up in every congregation of the Diocese, on the first Sunday in October of each year, or in case of bad weather, or other causes requiring a change, then on some other Sabbath of that month.

2d. *Resolved*, That a committee of five laymen be appointed annually by the Convention, to whom, or any of whom, such contributions shall be sent and paid over, to be by them invested and held in such form, consistent with law, as will render it most secure and available for the desired purpose. The committee to continue in office until the election of their successors.

3d. *Resolved*, That in case of the death of any member of said committee, his place may be filled by the survivors for the remainder of the year, or until the next appointment by the Convention.

4th. *Resolved*, That all appropriations of said fund, or its profits, or proceeds, shall be made by said committee.

5th. *Resolved*, That the appropriations be confined to the relief or aid of disabled clergymen of our own Diocese, and such as have labored in the said office *therein*, for at least three years before the disability shall have occurred; and no appropriation exceeding \$250 shall be made in any year to any one individual.

6th. *Resolved*, That the applicant for aid shall produce to the committee evidence of his canonical connection with this Diocese, a statement of his condition and the nature and circumstances of his disability, with such other evidence as may show his need and claim to the desired assistance.

7th. *Resolved*, That in their annual report, the committee shall state the annual sums appropriated and expended by them, the names of the several recipients or beneficiaries, and the particular facts or circumstances of each case.

Respectfully reported,

D. W. BARTON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report of the committee was received.

The resolutions accompanying the report were then read and voted upon separately; and, on motion, were adopted in the form as inserted in this Journal.



On motion, the following gentlemen were elected the committee proposed in resolution 2d of the plan for relief of disabled clergymen:

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| D. W. Barton, Esq.       | W. H. Fowle, Esq.     |
| R. C. Ambler, Esq.       | Philip Williams, Esq. |
| B. Johnson Barbour, Esq. |                       |

Robert Douthat, Esq., presented his certificate as lay delegate to this Convention, which being found in due and canonical form, he was admitted to a seat in the same.

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund made the following report:

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund have received from the Trustees of the same, through Edward C. Fletcher, Esq., one of the members, and the Treasurer thereof, the following statement of the present amount and condition of said fund, which they beg leave to present to the Convention as their report. They have examined this statement, and found it to be correct; and, moreover, they believe that the fund is safely invested and judiciously managed.

**C. B. DANA, Chairman.**

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund reports that, since the last Convention he has purchased twelve shares of Farmers' Bank stock, leaving a balance in his hands of thirty-three dollars.

| <i>Credits.</i>                                    |   |   |   |            |
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| Balance of cash on hand reported May, 1855,        | - | - | - | \$74 50    |
| Dividends received from Farmers' Bank of Virginia, | - | - | - | 534 00     |
| "    "    "    Exchange Bank of Virginia,          | - | - | - | 590 00     |
| "    "    "    Bank of the Valley of Virginia,     | - | - | - | 100 00     |
| "    "    "    Bank of the Old Dominion,           | - | - | - | 37 50      |
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|                                                    |   |   |   | \$1,966 00 |

| <i>Charges.</i>                                       |   |   |   |          |
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| To cash paid for six shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia |   |   |   |          |
| stock, at \$104 50 per share,                         | - | - | - | \$627 00 |
| To cash paid for six shares Farmers' Bank of Virginia |   |   |   |          |
| stock, at \$101 per share,                            | - | - | - | 606 00   |
| Balance on hand,                                      | - | - | - | 33 00    |
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| The fund consists now of—                          |   |   |   |             |
| 78 shares of Farmers' Bank of Virginia stock,      | - | - | - | \$7,800 00  |
| 65 shares of Exchange Bank of Virginia stock,      | - | - | - | 6,500 00    |
| 10 shares of Bank of the Valley in Virginia stock, | - | - | - | 1,000 00    |
| 5 shares of Bank of the Old Dominion stock,        | - | - | - | 500 00      |
| Cash on hand,                                      | - | - | - | 33 00       |
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|                                                    |   |   |   | \$15,833 00 |
| Amount of the fund last year,                      | - | - | - | 14,600 00   |
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| Increase,                                          | - | - | - | \$1,233 00  |

Respectfully submitted,

**EDWARD C. FLETCHER, Treasurer.**

The Finance Committee presented the following report:

The Finance Committee report that their chief labor and duty has been the examination of the returns from the various Parishes and Churches, with a view to ascertain the amount due to the Diocesan or contingent fund. That this ought to be done, both accurately and thoroughly, will be obvious enough when it is recollected that this important fund has no other source of supply but the yearly assessment of one dollar to each communicant, and that the entire amount so assessed, if all paid, is not more than enough to keep that fund in sound condition. Out of it is paid the salaries and travelling bills of the Bishop and Assistant Bishop, (for which no other provision is made,) the printing, stationery, and other contingent expenses of the Convention. Could every communicant of our Church in the Diocese be counted and relied on to pay his dollar, (and it is equally obligatory on all,) the sum total would not show a larger amount than is really needed. Without it the fund is often cramped and embarrassed, and our most sacred and delicate obligations are but tardily and imperfectly met. To correct this evil, the number of communicants in each County, Parish and Church, should be ascertained with *precise and searching accuracy*. The committee regret to say, and it is said with all deference, that their brethren in many instances seem to have no conception of the importance of this duty. From quite a number of the Churches and Parishes no reports at all have been received; from some of them reports are made which do not even profess to be accurate or complete; and a large number of the most carefully prepared returns omit to state the name either of County, Parish or Church, so as to enable the financial officers of the Diocese to keep the accounts with any degree of satisfaction. In some instances, no date is given; in others, the essential stem—the number of communicants—is left out, and not a few are without the signature of the rector or warden, or other mark of authenticity, exhibiting altogether a degree of looseness and carelessness, which it is hoped needs only to be noticed now, to be avoided in future. A little care would save a vast deal of trouble, and greatly conduce to the completeness and accuracy of this necessary department of our business.

From the loose and confused materials now before them, the

committee *infer*—and it is but an inference—that the whole number of communicants in our Church in Virginia is something over 7,000. The number reported does not much exceed 6,000, and the number who pay their yearly dues falls largely short of these last figures. From one to two thousand dollars is thus lost to this fund every year; a deficit which, if paid, would bring full relief to our embarrassed treasury.

That this whole matter may be better systematized, and our full, legitimate resources be all made to tell, it is respectfully suggested that a committee be appointed to continue in being until the next Convention, with power to examine the subject, and to place it on some surer and more reliable basis.

In the appendix, and as part of this report, will be found,

1st. A list, in alphabetical order, of all the Parishes and Churches which have paid their full quota to the Diocesan Fund due for 1856, marked A.

2d. A list of those which have paid a part only, marked B.

3d. A list of those which have paid in whole, or in part, their arrearages for 1854 and 1855, marked C.

4th. A list of delinquent Parishes and Churches for 1854, 1855, and 1856, marked D.

From the manner in which the returns are made, some mistakes may be expected—enough to show the necessity of more care in the future returns.

The Parochial Reports show the entire number of white communicants to be 6,192.

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| The Diocesan Fund ought, therefore, to be          | \$6,192 00 |
| Of which the sum actually paid to the Treasurer is | 5,398 31   |

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| Showing a deficiency of | \$793 69 |
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Of the amounts delinquent for 1854 and 1855, it will be seen that there has been paid \$179.

The accounts of W. H. Hubbard, Esq., Treasurer, have been examined, and found correct. See Appendix E.

Respectfully reported,

D. W. BARTON, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the present Finance Committee be a committee in accordance with the spirit of the recommendation made

in their report, to take the subject of the finances of the Diocese into full consideration, and report the result of their conclusions in reference thereto, at the next annual Convention.

The committee appointed to consider some plan for evangelist-service in the Diocese, presented the following report and resolutions:

The committee appointed to consider and report upon some course of evangelist-service in the Diocese, respectfully report:

That they have considered the subject, and that they find some endeavor of the kind apparently called for, alike by the pressing wants of many places now unsupplied with ministerial service, by the great deficiency of men to supply all these points, and by the sentiment of those most conversant with the facts.

Three modes of operation towards the object in view have been suggested, each of which may be tried by itself, and the whole of which may, it is supposed, be combined in accomplishing the end.

The first suggestion is, that the several convocations of the Diocese take under their charge, and supply as best they can, by a distribution of labor among themselves, such points as they can reasonably reach.

A second arrangement proposed is, that the Bishops be requested to select two or more rectors deemed fitted for such duty, and that said presbyters and their parishes be requested to acquiesce in the call; and that the clergymen so selected be sent to labor in this way for one year, under advice from the Bishops—their parishes, meanwhile, to be supplied as may be found best, their homes to remain undisturbed, and they to rest at their conscientious discretion. The duty to be rendered the next year by two or more other rectors and parishes.

And the third mode considered is, that if practicable, one or two suitable men be engaged by the Bishops to give themselves solely and permanently to the work of evangelists, in extensive and destitute regions of the State.

Of these plans, the first seems to admit of no question, and the committee have no hesitation in commending it to the sanction of the Convention.

The other two courses of action are also, in their judgment,

worthy of trial. It will be perceived, however, that they involve some expense; and that, besides other difficulties to be adjusted, the requisite means must be raised. But it is believed that funds, as needed for a fair experiment, would be freely contributed by the laity. In the hope, therefore, that good may result from the trial, the following resolutions are reported for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That the clergy in the several convocational districts in the State, whether organized or not, be recommended to distribute their labors in concert, and according to their best judgment, over such unsupplied region as they can reasonably embrace.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishops be requested to arrange with two or more rectors and parishes for a year's evangelist-duty by the former, and supply for the latter.

3. *Resolved*, And that they also engage, if they can, one or more fit ministers, to be solely occupied, under their advice, in itinerant labor; *provided*, that on appeal by them, issued in such form as they prefer, the necessary funds are raised for the purpose by those on whom this part of the responsibility may rest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. PENDLETON, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report of the committee was received.

The resolutions offered by the committee were then read and voted upon separately; and,

On motion, the resolutions offered by the committee were unanimously adopted as reported.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Church in again making its annual report to Convention, will renew its thanksgiving to God, that he has been pleased to continue his loving kindness to us, and that as a Church we have hope that we have increased in obedience to him and in ability to spread his gospel abroad in our land.

As evidence of this good hope, we would refer to the activity of our Bishops and the warm reception they everywhere meet with, and the ready ear paid to the words of exhortation spoken by them; as also to the increased number of candidates for the ministry now at our Theological Seminary; as well as in the

prosperous condition of our Diocesan High School near Alexandria, which we fondly hope will long continue the cherished resort for our children, and be a nursery both for the Church and its ministry.

In thinking over the many causes we have for devout gratitude to God, we would first call the attention of the Convention, and through the Convention, of the Church at large throughout the State, to the increased disposition among us to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

When we remember that God is a prayer-hearing God, that his ear is always open unto prayer; and that it is not by the might or the wisdom of man, that the heart is turned unto Him, we cannot too much rejoice in the disposition of our Zion to call mightily upon God.

And not only to call upon Him in public and in private and in the family, for his grace and blessing, but especially for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Not only have we the promise, and the experience of His people in all past ages, but we have here in our midst, an instance of the truth, how abundantly His promise is kept, and how surely the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit will be poured out on His people if they will only pray for it.

We rejoice, therefore, in this manifest disposition of our people to pray especially and distinctly for this evidence of God's mercy and love towards us. It is the Spirit that quickeneth. He alone giveth power to the preached word: without this even Paul may plant and Apollos water in vain, and with this the feeblest instrument is mighty to build up the kingdom of God among men.

When the mighty power of the Holy Ghost is then procured among us by faithful prayer—we have much reason to rejoice before God, and we do rejoice before Him. And we would exhort one another daily, while it is called to-day, to pray more and more for this mighty Spirit. This is what all can unite in; in this, we all have equal power with God. This too must be the foundation of all true Christian attainment. At best we are all weak, and at every step dependent on the grace of God. If then we walk worthy of our high vocation, and especially, if the ministers of Christ's Church preach the word with power, that power must come from the Holy Ghost, in answer to their own prayers, and the united prayers of their congregations.

In connection with this duty we would earnestly recommend to our brethren of the clergy to encourage the practice of social meetings for prayer in their congregations, in small bands, to be conducted by laymen in the absence of the minister, but kept under his direction and control. The promise is, "where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst of them"—a promise as applicable to small assemblies, of a mere handful of God's children, as to the full congregation.

While we would not do or say any thing to increase confusion, or add to the spirit of disturbance and disorder that is abroad upon earth, and which is doing so much to strengthen the falling powers of darkness; yet we cannot possibly comprehend how the meeting together of believers in Christ Jesus, to ask his grace and blessing, can do injury to men. The subject of prayer, in such meetings, is generally either, repentance for the unconverted, help for the weak, encouragement for the distressed, or increased wisdom and love and courage for the faithful followers of Christ. And while we are aware that much injury has often-times been done under the pretence of religious worship and scriptural privileges, yet we have no fear that Episcopalians will run into this melancholy extravagance. Our danger is from another direction; and we think if the intelligence and power that are now often found, we doubt not honestly, expending themselves in warring against error, and pointing out impending danger and foreboding evil, are only actively engaged in doing good, and taking the lead in the zealous performance of the work of Christ, our Church would have a vastly augmented power over society and an access to the ear of all men, that no theoretical purity or exactitude can possibly give, either to an individual or a society.

In further continuation of this subject, your Committee would also encourage the ministers of our Church more frequently, to address themselves directly and personally, in private, to individuals on the subject of their personal salvation. We are abundantly satisfied that our clergy, unquestionably from good motives, and from a too conscientious fear of injuring the cause they are above all anxious to serve, are often-times too timid in communicating with persons privately, and especially the young on the subject of religion. Often-times when we do not see any

exterior evidence of it, the heart is softened by divine grace and ready to receive a word from the servant of Christ. And even if at times the servant of Christ, and the Herald of the Cross should speak to those who are not prepared to receive it; yet always when done in any thing like a proper way, these addresses are evidence of regard and love towards those thus spoken to. And it is not the manifestations of love, even when it is mistaken and ill advised in its affectionate attempts that gives offence to people, or hardens their heart against the persuasions of religion.

We are satisfied that the irreligious are far more frequently surprised at the indifference of ministers and Christians generally to take advantage of any opportunity to speak a word to them on the subject of religion, than annoyed or hardened by thus speaking. And even if ministers do sometimes speak when silence would have been as well, yet they are doing nothing more, even then, than the Apostle exhorts them to do, when he tells them to be instant in season and out—that is, always and every where, to speak the word, whether men hear or not. It is the minister's business to preach—to speak, (of course he must do it in love, for wisdom and zeal are nothing without love,) and your committee are persuaded if ministers will only speak the truth in love, they may boldly speak it every where and to all men; and if men will not always believe and be converted, they will nevertheless honor the servant of Christ for his fidelity to his Master.

And then, too, this fidelity will soon react with increased happiness to the heart and mind of those thus doing the Master's work. Whatever withdraws the minister from the world and its study, and separates him from the ordinary business and occupations of men, and identifies him with religion and the Bible, adds to his true power over the consciences of men. And this single purpose to preach the word; this one aim to be a teacher and a guide, and an authorized reprover of sin and advocate of truth, would go a great way to remind him constantly of his great office, and the purity and holiness that are necessary to its proper performance. And this again would encourage and confirm in him that habit of watchfulness and prayer without which nothing is either strong or holy, and yet with which



the humblest of men is made an able minister of the New Testament.

Your Committee would also draw the attention of the clergy to the duty of urging upon their congregations the great duty and privilege of giving according to some well arranged system, and in some due proportion to their means, to the cause of God and his Church. In this matter, also, your Committee think that the ministers of our Church are too timid. And neglecting this duty many of our members not only impoverish the Church, but also deprive themselves of many and great blessings. The history of the Church furnishes numberless cases to show that the more we give to God, the more certainly He protects and provides for us and our children. And when we think of the many noble objects for the glory of God, and the salvation of men that are straightened and hindered, and often-times entirely crushed, from the want of means to carry them on; and then when we remember how many professors of Christ's religion live in daily luxury and indulgence, and spend in ephemeral, if not sinful display, the means that would convey the gospel to the end of the earth, we are mournfully afraid that many who now stand high in the Church and are much esteemed among men, are yet not honest in the sight of God, and are sinfully withholding from God what is his due; and what was given to them as a stewardship, they have forgotten and are using as if it were their own. If our congregations would only think of these things, how many of our clergy who now languish in poverty and are dispirited and discouraged, would preach the word with renewed zeal and affection—and by their active labors and fervent prayers draw down blessings from God, on those of their congregation, who, from means that are so often squandered, provide a sufficiency to supply the moderate wants of the ministers themselves and their families.

Sunday schools and Bible classes are such acknowledged means of extending the Church to those who are beyond its pale, and often-times growing up in ignorance of everything that is good, that your Committee are unwilling to be silent with regard to them. And thanking God and cordially commending our brethren for what they have already done, we would exhort them to increased diligence in this blessed work. For the most

part the children who fill up our Sunday schools and Bible classes are literally gathered from the highways and hedges. Every such acquisition is a clear gain to the cause of God and his Church. And when we remember how many faithful servants of Christ owe their first impression of the truth to the simple and affectionate lesson of the Sunday school and Bible class, we think we have said enough to persuade our people to disregard the small inconvenience and labor belonging to this work, and help the cause of truth and the salvation of sinners by assisting to gather into the fold of Christ's flock these neglected straying lambs. Encouraged by the large number of servants who have been admitted to the rite of confirmation during the past year, your committee would express their gratitude to God for this manifestation, also of his mercy and love to his people, and for his blessing especially to our Diocese; and would in this connection express emphatically their opinion that the religious instruction of our servants is an important and pressing duty both to the ministers and heads of families in our communion.

They commend the establishment of Sunday schools in our towns, by the masters and mistresses in our Church, for colored children, where the instruction would be exclusively oral and governed by the standards of our Church. In connection with these, and as perhaps more important and auxiliary, the catechetical instruction of young servants, by the masters and mistresses of our Church, in their families, is strongly recommended. And we further distinctly approve of the plan of making such domestic arrangements as will allow and encourage servants to attend upon the public services of the sanctuary, as well as at family prayers.

In conclusion, your Committee would say, that while they are unwilling to witness, much less to aid in, any rash innovation on our liturgical services, yet they think some latitude of choice of our services originally separate, but now combined, is desirable. And with this expression of their opinion, and agreeing generally in the views so often expressed by our honored Bishops, and also by your Committee on the State of the Church for last year, they commend them to the wisdom of the Church.

On motion, the report of the committee was received; and,  
On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That 2,000 extra copies of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church be printed when the Journal is printed, and be distributed through the families of the Diocese, and that each clergyman of the Diocese be requested to read the report to his Church.

The order to consider the remaining alterations proposed by the General Convention, was now taken up.

The alteration proposed in Article 5th of the Constitution of the Church, was first discussed. The proposed alteration being as follows:

“No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than *fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters*, who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than *thirty self-supporting parishes*, or less than *twenty* presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled, and qualified as above mentioned, *provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.*”

A motion to concur in the proposed alteration in article 5th was then put to the house, and the vote being taken, the motion was negatived, the Convention resolving not to concur.

The proposed alteration in article 6th, was then called up, the alteration reading as follows:

“In every Diocese the mode of trying presbyters or deacons, may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese *until the General Convention shall provide a uniform mode of trial.*”

On motion the alteration was concurred in.

The Committee on Parochial Reports presented the following report:

The Committee on Parochial Reports respectfully submit to the Convention the following synopsis of the Churches as collected from the reports laid before them, viz:

|           |                   |     |               |
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| Baptisms— | { White adults,   | 115 | } Total, 158. |
|           | { Colored adults, | 43  |               |

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Baptisms—                                       | { White infants, 612 }<br>{ Colored infants, 224 }                                                              | Total, 836.   |
| Communicants                                    | { Added—White, 780; Colored, 51; Total, 831.<br>Removed, 412.<br>Withdrawn, 27.<br>Suspended, 10.<br>Died, 194. |               |
| Whole number of communicants as far as reported | { White, 6,292 }<br>{ Colored, 235 }                                                                            | Total, 6,527. |
| Confirmations,                                  | { White, 405 }<br>{ Colored, 47 }                                                                               | Total, 452.   |
| Marriages—                                      | { White, 285 }<br>{ Colored, 81 }                                                                               | Total, 366.   |
| Funerals—                                       | { White, 710 }<br>{ Colored, 112 }                                                                              | Total, 822.   |
| Families as far as reported,                    | 2,019.                                                                                                          |               |
| Sunday Schools—Teachers,                        | 648.                                                                                                            |               |
| Scholars,                                       | 3,915.                                                                                                          |               |

Colored scholars under oral instruction, as far as reported, 265.

Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church,  
\$60,949 07½.

H. S. KEPPLER, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report of the committee was received.

On motion, the resolution of yesterday, resolving that alternate delegates should not be elected to the General Convention, was reconsidered.

On motion, Rev. R. H. Wilmer, Rev. C. Walker, Rev. Jas. May, D. D., Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, were appointed clerical delegates alternate to the General Convention; and,

Col. Ed. T. Tayloe, R. H. Cunningham, Morgan Nelson, and B. Johnson Barbour, were appointed lay delegates alternate to the same.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of Fredericksburg for their generous hospitality of its members.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Ministers of this town who have offered their churches to the clergy of this body.

On motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer of this Convention pay the expenses of the Secretary.

On motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer pay fifteen dollars to the Sexton of St. George's Church, Fredericksburg.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Bristol Parish, Petersburg, on the third Wednesday in May, in the year of our Lord and Saviour, 1857.

The Convention was then closed by appropriate religious exercises.

WILLIAM MEADE, *President*.

GEO. WOODBRIDGE, *Secretary*.

A. L. SEABURY, *Assistant Secretary*.

## APPENDIX NO. I.

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### ACCOMAC COUNTY.

*St. James' Parish, St. James' Church.*

Communicants—withdrawn, white, 7; died, white, 1; present number, white, 30. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Contributions—alms, \$10 85; contingent expenses, \$9 02; foreign missions, \$17; bishop's fund, \$24; total, \$60 87. Post Office, Accomac Court House.

REMARKS.—Since July last, at which time the late Rector, Rev. W. J. Zimmer, resigned and removed to New Jersey, this Church has been vacant. Since that time, until within a few weeks, the Church has been kept open by Lay service. Rev. E. Reed, of Baltimore, has preached twice. During this interval four clergymen have been applied to, but all were engaged, either actually or prospectively:

THOS. R. JOYNES, Jr., *Warden.*

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### ALBEMARLE COUNTY.

*Christ Church, Charlottesville.*

REV. R. K. MEADE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; colored, 1; removed, 5; died 3; present number, white, 92; colored 1; total, 93. Baptisms—white infants, 8; colored adults, 1; total 9. Confirmed, white, 8; colored, 1; total, 9. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 8. Sunday Schools, white, 45; teachers, 9; scholars, 70; colored scholars, 10. Families, 52. Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, domestic, \$22 50; foreign, \$563 43; Diocesan, \$58; communion alms, \$120 62; general contribution, \$827 50; total, \$1592 05. P. O. Charlottesville.

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. D. C. T. DAVIS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, white, 1; died, white, 2; present number, white, 21. Baptisms—white infants, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Contributions—Foreign Missions, \$14; Domestic Missions, \$8; general contribution, \$20.

*Buckmountain Church.*

Rev. D. C. T. DAVIS, Rector.

Present number of communicants, white, 6. General contribution, \$20.

*St. Anne's Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. WILLIAM M. NELSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 3; present number, white, 34. Baptisms—white adults, 2; infants, 2; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 9. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 17. Contributions for Church purposes, \$55 50; for Missions, domestic, \$1; foreign, \$136 77; Communion alms, \$14 16; general contributions, \$227 20; Diocesan, \$36; total, 470 63. Post Office, Scottsville, Albemarle.

*Walker's Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; removed, 2; total, 28. Baptisms—infants, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 2. Contributions, mostly for missions, \$60 31. Post Office, Cobham.

## ALEXANDRIA.

*Fairfax Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, about 12; present number, 128. Baptisms—white adults, 4; infants, 14; colored infants, 2; total, Confirmed, 14. Marriages, white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6.

Funerals, 18. Families, about 85. Contributions, at least 2,000 dollars.

REMARKS.—My parochial report was left at home, or has been lost. This is imperfect, and a more correct one will be sent to the Secretary. [It has not been received up to this date, 11th of June.—SECRETARY.]

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. J. T. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 20; colored, 1; removed, 14; died, 3; present number, white, 154; colored, 1. Total, 155. Baptisms—white infants, 48; colored infants, 35. Total, 83. Confirmed, white, 13. Marriages, white, 8; colored, 2; total, 10. Funerals, white, 11. Sunday Schools, 2; superintendents, 2; male teachers, 7; female teachers, 14; scholars, 200; colored, for oral instruction, superintendents, 2; male teachers, 5; female, 16; scholars, 300; total scholars, 500. Contributions for Church purposes, \$2,470—for missions, \$671 50; Communion alms, \$225 90; general contribution, \$590 65; total, \$3,958 05. Post Office, Alexandria.

*Grace Church.*

Rev. D. FRANCIS SPRIGG, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 16; present number, 16, (which includes 8 from other parishes;) total 16. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 5. Total, 6. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 55. Families, about 25. Contributions—for missions, domestic, (Pa. agency,) \$22, 48; foreign, \$39 38; Diocesan, \$9 47; contingent fund, \$16; total, 97 33. Post Office, Alexandria.

REMARKS.—This parish was commenced October, 1855. The report, therefore, is only from that date. The Rector would state, that the prospects for building another congregation in this city are encouraging. The average attendance is about one hundred. We shall, in a few weeks, commence taking up subscriptions for a Church edifice, and hope, by God's blessing, we may be in it by our next Convention.



## AMELIA COUNTY.

*Raleigh Parish, Grub Hill Church.*

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed 1; present number, white, 33; colored, 1; total, 34. Baptisms—infants, white, 3. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 2; total 4. Confirmations, 19. Families, 17. Contributions of the two parishes, Raleigh and Genito, under the charge of the Rector, about \$181, independent of \$250 for the purchase of an organ for the use of Grub Hill Church. Post Office, Winterham, Amelia county.

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## AMHERST COUNTY.

*Lexington Parish.*

Communicants—added, 2; removed 10; died, 4; withdrawn, 1; present number, 60. Baptisms—adult, 1; infant, 1. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 3. Sunday School, 1; Teachers, 8; Scholars, 35.

REMARKS.—The above report embraces the period from the date of last Convention up to the 20th of September following, when our late minister resigned his charge. We are still without a minister, though anxiously desiring the services of one.

P. ST. GEORGE AMBLER, *Lay Delegate.*

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## AUGUSTA COUNTY.

*Augusta Parish, Trinity Church, Staunton.*

Rev. T. T. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 13; removed, 2; present number, white, 105; colored, 3; total, 108. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 11. Marriages, white, 12; colored, 8. Funerals, white 9; colored, 7. Sunday School Teachers, 15; Scholars 100. Families, about 75. Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$417. Post Office, Staunton.

REMARKS.—Since the last Convention a new and beautiful

church, of Gothic architecture, has been completed, at a cost of about \$13,500, capable of accommodating about 700 persons. Since the first of November last it has been in the occupancy of the congregation, and is now awaiting the convenience of our Bishop to be consecrated.

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### BEDFORD COUNTY.

#### *Hamner Parish, St. Stephen's Church.*

Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 9; withdrawn, 2; present number, white, 41. Baptisms—white adults, 2; infants, 8. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 9. Funerals, white, 5. Families, 23. Contributions, \$289 68. Post Office, Forest Depot, Bedford County.

#### *Russell Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; died 2. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 4. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, 2. Post Office, Forest Depot, Bedford County.

REMARKS.—The present Rector has only just taken charge of Russell Parish, in connection with Hamner Parish, consequently has no contributions to report.

#### *West Russell Parish, St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2. Confirmed, 1. Funerals, 2. Families, 7. Contributions to Missions, \$10. Post Office, Big Island, Bedford county.

#### *Heber Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. NELSON SALE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 1. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 9. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 9; Scholars, 40. Families, 27.

General contributions, \$450; Missions, foreign, \$55; domestic, \$30; communion alms, \$20; contingent fund, \$42; total, \$597. Post Office, Big Island, Bedford County.

### BERKELEY COUNTY.

*Norborne Parish, Mt. Zion Church.*

Rev. RICHARD T. DAVIS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 1; died, 3; present number, 53. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed—white, 2. Funerals, white, 5. Families, 28. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$2 75; foreign, \$7 58; general contributions, \$28 13.

*Norborne Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. RICHARD T. DAVIS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, 3; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number, 44. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed—white, 2. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 5. Families, 22. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$26 37; domestic, \$5; general contributions, \$135 23.

### BOTETOURT COUNTY.

*Botetourt Parish, St. Mark's Church, Fincastle.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, white, 32; colored, 2. Baptisms—white, infants, 3. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools—Teachers 10; Scholars, 45. Families, 21. Contributions to Missions, domestic, \$25 26; foreign, \$30; total, \$55 26; general contributions, \$51 42. Post Office, Pattonsburg.

*Woodville Parish, Trinity Church, Buchanan.*

Rev. F. M. BAKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 18; removed, 4; present number, white, 46. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 8. Mar-

riages, colored, 1. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 48. Families, 25. Contributions for Missions, domestic, \$23; foreign, 28; total, \$51; general contributions, \$51. Post Office, Pattonsburg.

REMARKS.—At an association held in July and August last, at which the services of Rev. Messrs. Martin, Lynd, Goodwyn, Kinckle, and W. H. Pendleton, were obtained, God's Spirit was graciously outpoured, and fourteen were added to the Church. The services were continued for nineteen days, consecutively, and during the greater part of the time the church was open at 6 and 11 o'clock, A. M., and at night.

The vestry is about to enlarge the church building so as to double the accommodation. The work is now in progress.

They have also purchased a comfortable parsonage immediately adjoining the church.

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## BUCKINGHAM COUNTY.

*Tillotson Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; died, 1; present number, white, 29; colored, 2. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 4. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 7; Scholars, 25. Families, 17. Contributions for Church purposes, \$162; Missions, domestic, \$5; foreign, \$21; Diocesan, \$13 50; Communion alms, \$12; General contributions, \$103; Parochial schools, \$7 50. Post Office, Curdsville, Buckingham County.

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## BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Churches, Wilkin's Chapel.*

Rev. B. FRANKLIN MOWER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 17; colored, 24; removed, 5; withdrawn, 2; suspended, 1; died, 4; present number, white, 49;

colored 35. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 13; colored, adults, 14; colored infants, 72; total, 100. Confirmed, white, 5; colored, 23. Marriages, white, 4; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 8; colored, 33. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 5; Scholars, 15. Contributions for Church purposes, \$500; for Missions, domestic, \$5 50; foreign, \$21 90; Diocesan, \$15 32½; Communion alms, \$42 80; total, \$585 52½. Post Office, Lawrenceville.

REMARKS.—Of the marriages reported above, two were performed by other ministers—one by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Baltimore, and the other by the Rev. Mr. Ambler, then of Dinwiddie. One of the baptisms reported was by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Johns, during his visit to this Parish last fall.

### CAMPBELL COUNTY.

*Moore Parish, St. John's and Trinity Churches.*

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 1; present number, 26. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 3. Marriages, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; Scholars, 27; Teachers, 3. Families, 17. Contributions—Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$15 50; Communion alms, \$7 71. Post Office, Campbell Court House.

REMARKS.—I took charge of this Parish in November last. I preach at three different points in the county, and once a month in Charlotte. We have a few worthy and zealous communicants in each Parish; and we hope our efforts to establish the Church in each Parish may not be without success. A nice new church has been purchased, and is now ready for consecration, at Campbell Court House.

### CAROLINE COUNTY.

*Grace Church.*

Rev. THOMAS G. ADDISON, Rector.

Communicants, 21. Baptisms—white, infants, 4. Funerals, 1. Families, 12.

*Bowling Green Church.*

Rev. THOMAS G. ADDISON, Rector.

Communicants—2. Families, 2.

REMARKS.—This is a Missionary station, where I officiate regularly every Sabbath; and though it is now the day of very small things, there is good material for work, and I have good hope that in due time we may be able to report better things.

*St. Margaret's Parish, St. Margaret's Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—Died, 1; present number, 29. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 3. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 4; Scholars, from 15 to 20. Families, 9. Contributions—Foreign, \$87 80. Post Office, Mount Pleasant, Spottsylvania county.

*St. Peter's Church, Port Royal.*

Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 1; died, 1. Baptisms—infants, 1. Confirmed, 2. Funerals, 5. Contributions, \$200. Post Office, Port Royal.

## CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

*Cornwall Parish, Roanoke Church.*

Rev. THOMAS E. LOCKE, Rector.

Communicants—added, one from another cure; present number, 13. Families, 8. Contributions for Church purposes, \$13; Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$16 21. Post Office, Campbell Court House.

## CHARLES CITY COUNTY.

*Westover Parish.*

Communicants—added, 5; removed, 6; present number, 44. Baptisms—infants, 7. Marriages, 1. Funerals, 6. Families,

28. Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$189 32.

REMARKS.—A new church, costing about \$2,500, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks.

GEORGE WALKER, *Senior Warden.*

### CHESTERFIELD COUNTY.

*Dale Parish, Trinity Church, Chesterfield, and King William Parish, Manakintown Church, Powhatan.*

REV. A. B. TIZZARD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; colored, 3; removed, 2; present number, white, 27; colored, 6; total, 33. Baptisms—white adults, 8; colored, 3; white infants, 4; total, 15. Confirmed, white, 6; colored, 4; total, 10. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 2; total, 4. Funerals, white, 6; colored, 6; total, 12. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 30. Contribution for Church purposes, \$116 32. Post Office, Winterpock, Chesterfield.

### CLARKE COUNTY.

*Clarke Parish, Grace Church.*

REV. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 6; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 93; colored, 7; total, 100. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 6; colored, 1; total, 7. Funerals, white, 1; colored, 3; total, 4. Sunday Schools, 3; teachers, 20; scholars, 100. Families, 54. Contributions for Church purposes—Missions, domestic, \$51 22; foreign, \$24 3; Communion alms, \$98 66; general contributions, viz: to Virginia Bible Society, American Sunday School Union, Virginia Colonization Society, Education Society, Theological Seminary, orphans of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Evangelical Knowledge Society, and contingent fund, \$425 62; total, \$818 50. Post Office, Berryville, Clarke county.

REMARKS.—The people of this Parish have taken down their church, and are now erecting a new building on a greatly enlarged plan, to cost between eight and nine thousand dollars. It is expected to be ready for consecration by Christmas day.

*Wickliffe Parish, Wickliffe Church.*

REV. JOHN D. POWELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 21. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 4; colored infants, 2; total, 8. Families, 14. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 6; total, 7. Funerals, white, 3, (one in another cure;) colored, 2; total, 5. Sunday Schools, 2; teachers, 8; scholars, 40. Contributions for Church purposes—Bible Society, \$30; Episcopal Missionary Association, \$10 65; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$5; for Parish visitors and tracts, \$10 70; total, \$57 39; Foreign Missions, \$44 60; Communion alms, \$11 37; total, \$55 97; general contributions, \$10 50; Parochial Schools, \$4 18; total, \$14 68; Contingent quota, \$21 40; total, \$149 44. One hundred garments to orphans, in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Post Office, Kabletown, Jefferson.

*Christ Church.*

REV. J. F. HOFF, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 3; present number, 66. Baptisms—white infants, 8; colored infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Sunday Schools, white, 1; colored, 1. Families, 35. Contributions—Foreign Missions, \$200; Domestic, \$36; Diocesan, \$82; Bible Society, \$290; Sunday School Union, \$100; Colonization, \$52; Education Society, \$33.

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CULPEPER COUNTY.

*St. Mark's Parish, St. James' Church.*

REV. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 7; present number, white, 22. Baptisms—white infants, 6. Marriages—white,



2. Funerals, white, 4. Families, not known, but very few that can be called Episcopal. Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, foreign, \$57 42; general contributions, \$150; total, \$257 42. Post Office, Culpeper Court House.

REMARKS.—It is impossible to give the exact amount of contributions from this church, as a very considerable amount is given every year, which never comes under my notice.

*St. Mark's Parish, St. Stephens' Church.*

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 11; removed, 7; present number, white, 37 Baptisms—white infants, 6. Confirmed, white, 9. Marriages, white, 7. Funerals, white, 6. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Families, not known, and cannot be mixed up. General contributions, \$300. Post Office, Culpeper Court House.

REMARKS.—Since my last report the parsonage, belonging to the churches under my care, has been added to by the liberality of the parishioners, and a few other persons, at an expense of some \$200. This, it is proper to say, includes other improvements on the parsonage lot. This is but a part of what has been done in the way of giving; though, as most of it has been contributed to agents, it is impossible for the Rector to say how much. Not less, however, in the three churches, than \$600 for each one.

*St. Mark's Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. JOHN COLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 18; colored, 1; total, 19. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 3; scholars, 20. Families, not able to say, so mixed with others. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, foreign, \$57 31; Diocesan, \$5; general contributions, \$300; total, \$357 31. Post Office, Culpeper Court House.

REMARKS.—It is impossible to tell the exact amount contri-

buted to Diocesan and Foreign Missions, as the sums given, most of them have been contributed in private, either by letter or by agents.

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### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*Leighton Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; withdrawn, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 16. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Families, 9. Contributions—Foreign Missions, \$10; general contributions, \$3 50; total, \$13 50. Post Office, Jefferson, Powhatan county.

REMARKS.—I entered upon my duties first of January, and my report of contributions is only from this date.

*Lyttleton Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. W. C. MEREDITH, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 20. Sunday Schools, 1; teachers, 12; scholars, 20. Families, 9. Contributions for Church purposes—foreign missions, \$175 46; Diocesan, \$68; Communion alms, \$7 50; general contributions, \$90; total, \$340 96. Post Office, Curdsville.

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### ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, Hampton.*

Rev. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, white, 5; present number, white, 55. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; white, infants, 3. Confirmed, white, 8. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 6. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 9; Scholars, 48. Contributions for Church purposes—for a suffering clergyman in another Diocese, \$14 12; Church in Matagorda, Texas, to Rev. Mr. Wright, \$8 50; Sunday School books, \$19 50; Virginia Bible Society, by Ladies' Sewing Society, \$12 75; Oregon Mission, \$25, \$10 contributed by Ladies Prayer Meeting; total, \$79 87. Post Office, Hampton, Elizabeth City County.

*Elizabeth City Parish, Centurion Church.*

Rev. M. L. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 9; removed, 11; present number, white, 20. Baptisms—white infants, 5. Confirmed, white, 4. Marriages, white, 7. Funerals, white, 12. Sunday School, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 22. Contributions as follows—Missions, domestic, \$18; foreign, \$52 05; contingent fund, \$20; expenses of church and for new chapel, \$277 90; total, \$368 95. Post Office, Old Point.

## ESSEX COUNTY.

*St. Ann's Parish, Vauter's Church.*

Rev. E. B. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; withdrawn, 1; present number, white, 23; colored 1. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 3; colored 1. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers 7; Scholars, 30. Families, 20. Contributions for Church purposes—for Missions, domestic, \$30; foreign, \$29 37½; Diocesan, \$19 09; Communion alms, \$8 15; general contributions, \$31. Post Office, Loretto, Essex county.

REMARKS.—Though the past year has not been fruitful in good as we could desire, yet we are not without encouraging indications. Except during the very severe weather of last winter, the public services of the Church have been regularly kept up, and to these have been added occasional prayer meetings among those who cannot attend the regular public services.

The parsonage being inconveniently located, it has been determined to dispose of it and secure another in a more central position with as little delay as practicable.

Since the close of the winter, a Sunday School has been opened, with the promise of much usefulness.

*South Farnham Parish, St. Paul's and St. John's Churches.*

Rev. H. W. L. TEMPLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; died, 1; present number, 52. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 4. Confirmed, white,

14. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 3; Sunday Schools, 2. Contributions for Church purposes, \$206 30; for Missions, domestic, \$23 83; foreign, \$42 56; Diocesan, \$68 41. Post Office, Miller's Tavern, Essex County.

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### FAUQUIER COUNTY.

#### *Meade Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 1; suspended, 1; present number, white 14. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 1. Families, 12. Contributions for Church purposes, \$40—Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$30. Post Office, Middleburg, Loudoun County.

#### *Leed's Parish, Leed's Church.*

Rev. C. M. CALLAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 1; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 2. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 3. Families, 10. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$306. Post Office, Markham Station, Fauquier County.

#### *Piedmont Parish, Trinity and Grace Churches.*

Rev. C. H. SHEILD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 3; present number, white, 30. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Contributions for Missions and other purposes \$165. Post Office, Piedmont Station.

#### *Hamilton Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. G. H. NORTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, 12; died, 2; withdrawn, 2; removed, 6. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 6; colored infants, 2.

Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 8; colored, 2. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 30. Families, 40. Contributions for Church purposes—Diocesan Missions, \$35; Bible Society, \$25; Domestic Missions, \$17 45; Colonization Society, \$25; Communion alms, \$97 42; relief of Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$130; total, \$329 87. Post Office, Warrenton.

REMARKS.—The Rector reports, with gratitude to Almighty God, that the church at Warrenton is now entirely free from debt.

### FAIRFAX COUNTY.

#### *Fairfax Parish, Falls Church.*

Rev. R. T. BROWN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4, by removal from other Parishes; present number, 20. Baptisms—white, infants, 3. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools, 1. Families, 18. Post Office, Falls Church.

#### *Truro Parish, Zion Church.*

Rev. R. T. BROWN, Rector.

Communicants—white, 20; died, 1. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 3. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 2. Families, 12. Contributions—for Missions, foreign, \$20; domestic, \$5; Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers, \$50.

#### *Truro Parish, St. John's Church.*

Communicants—added, 1; total, 3. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 1; total, 2.

### FLUVANNA COUNTY.

#### *Rivanna Parish, St. John's Church.*

Communicants—added, 2; removed, 3; present number, 19.

REMARKS—Rev. O. Bulkley, Rector, resigned December, 1855. Parish now vacant.

JAMES GALT, *Delegate.*

## FREDERICKSBURG.

*St. George's Parish, St. George's Church.*

Rev. E. C. McGUIRE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; colored, 1; removed, 3; died, 3; present number, white, 140; colored, 1. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 8. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday Schools, 3; Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150. Contributions for Church purposes, \$1,000; for Missions, \$312 48; domestic, \$57; foreign, \$202; Diocesan, \$53 48; Communion alms, \$131; general objects, \$250; total, \$1,693 48. Post Office, Fredericksburg.

REMARKS—The past year has been one of adversity, in some respects, with this Parish. We had scarcely gotten through with the repairs of the church, burned as it had been with fire about eighteen months before, when the loss of our fine bell and serious damage done the roof by violent winds, called for new and heavy expenditures, to replace the one and make the other secure. But, in other respects we have had a prosperous year. In that time many lively stones have been added to the living temple, to be presented to the Bishop for confirmation at the present season, as believed to be subjects of God's converting grace.

## FREDERICK COUNTY.

*Frederick Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Middletown.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

REMARKS.—This Church is still without regular services. The contingent fund, \$11, being in full the sum due, has been handed me for the Treasurer.

## GOOCHLAND COUNTY.

*St. James', Northam Parish, St. Paul's and Beaver Dam Churches.*

Rev. ERSKINE M. RODMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5, (from other parishes;) died, white, 1; present number, white, 32. Baptisms—white infants,

2, (one, the son of the Rev. O. Bulkley, administered in St. John's, Fluvanna county—the other administered by Bishop Meade.) Funerals, white, 1; colored, 1. Contributions—for Missions, foreign, \$55 55; for Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$13 62; general contribution for Parochial purposes, \$10; contingent fund, \$30; total, \$109 17. Post Office, Goochland Court House.

**REMARKS.**—No report has been made to the Convention from this Parish since May, 1852. St. Paul's Church was destroyed by fire in December, 1851. A very neat and appropriate building of brick has been erected upon the old site, at an expense of about \$1,800. The Rev. Mr. Whittle resigned the Rectorship of this Parish in September, 1852, from which time, until September, 1855, the churches were without a minister. Among the items of interest, the Rector is happy in being able to state, that for some time before he came to the county, it was the custom of a few of the parishioners to assemble on the afternoon of every other Sunday, and hold a prayer meeting. The interest excited by this movement seeming to increase, the meetings, which are held at the house of one who has long been a devoted member of our Church, have been kept up with great regularity. The Rector cannot but hope that good will result from this upholding of his hands, while his thanks are due to Him who has led to this and other good works.

The contributions from the Parish are very small. Another year the Rector hopes that the subscriptions to the various objects connected with religion and the Church will be much larger, and in proportion to the ability of the congregations.

In addition to the services enumerated as above, the Rector officiated as follows, in Mecklenburg county:

Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Marriages, white, 2.

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## GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

*Abingdon and Ware Parishes.*

REV. CHARLES MANN, Rector.

Communicants—last reported, 42; added, white, 9; died, 1; present number, white, 51. Baptisms—infants, white, 8; co-

lored, 1; total, 9. Confirmed, white, 4. Funerals, white, 3. Families, and parts of families, 40. Contributions—for Missions, domestic, \$28 50; foreign, \$38 50; total, \$67; Diocesan Missions, \$16 06; Alms of Communion, \$29 75; general contributions, \$81; total, \$193 81. Post Office, Gloucester Court House.

REMARKS.—The congregation at Abingdon is in an unusually flourishing condition. They are about to repair and render their fine old church both comfortable and commodious.

### GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

*Meherrin Parish, Christ and Grace Churches.*

REV. P. G. ROBERT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; colored, 10; total, 13; removed, colored, 3; suspended, colored, 5; died, 2; total, 10; present number, white, 29; colored, 42; total, 71. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 4; colored adults, 7; colored infants, 8; total, 22. Confirmed, white, 4, colored, 13; total, 17. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 6; total, 8. Funerals, white, 1; colored, 14; total, 15. Families, 12. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the church, \$230 91. Post Office, Hicksford.

REMARKS.—The Rector, in reporting a larger amount of contributions from this Parish than at any previous period since its resuscitation in 1842, cannot forbear acknowledging that this is principally owing to the energy and good works of the ladies forming the Sewing Society of the Parish, who have cheered their Pastor's heart, by enabling him to answer more liberally than he could otherwise have done, the calls made upon the Parish by the Domestic and Foreign Committees.

### HALIFAX COUNTY.

*Roanoke Parish, Christ Church.*

REV. JOHN. T. CLARK, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; colored, 3; removed, white, 1; present number, white, 18; colored, 8; total, 26. Baptisms—



white infants, 3; colored adults, 3; colored infants, 2; total, 8. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Families, 13. Sunday Schools, 1. Contributions—foreign Missions, \$120; Seminary Chapel, \$50; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$15; Education Society, 20; Diocesan Missionary Society, \$20; Contingent fund, \$18; Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers, \$79 96; total, \$322 96. Post Office, Talcott, Charlotte County.

*Antrim Parish.*

Rev. JOHN GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed into Parish, 3; total, 4; died, 1; removed from Parish, 1; total, 2; present number, white, 88; colored, 23; total, 111. Baptisms—white adult, 1; children, 8; total, 9. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 2; total, 5. Funerals, white, 5; colored, 1; total, 6. Sunday Schools—teachers, 14; scholars, 79. Families, 45. Contributions for Church purposes—contingent fund? (if so) \$88; for Missions, domestic, \$16; foreign, \$336 95; Diocesan, \$133 71; Communion alms, \$108 61; general contributions, for Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers, \$392 25; American Sunday School Union, \$18 55; Virginia Colonization Society, \$140 42; Virginia Theological Seminary, \$63; Virginia Education Society, \$159 96; Virginia Bible Society, \$133 50; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$80; total, \$1,658 95. Post Office, Halifax Court House.

HANOVER COUNTY

*St. Martin's Parish, Fork Church.*

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed 13; died 1; present number, white, 52. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 5; colored, 2; total, 7. Sunday schools—teachers, 12; scholars, 40. Families, 30. Amount of Contributions to the cause of Religion and the Church, about \$400. Post Office, Verdon, Hanover County.

REMARKS.—During the past year the ladies have procured an Organ for the Fork Church, at a cost of \$350. Our congregations have increased, and are now very large and encouraging.

*St. Paul's Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. JOHN COOKE, Officiating.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, white, 7. Families, 9. Contributions for Church purposes—contingent fund, \$7; for Missions, domestic, \$20; foreign, \$38; Education Society, \$20; Bible Society, \$5; Colonization Society, \$5; American Tract Society, \$152; general contributions, \$211; total \$458. Post Office, Aetna, Hanover County.

REMARKS.—I also officiate at St. Peter's (Methodist) Church, where there are about 7 families, 1 communicant, and 1 died. Collections for Church purposes—general, \$10. Congregations very respectable in size.

Number of communicants in St. Paul's Church, St. Paul's Parish, white, 7.

*St. Paul's Parish, Immanuel Church.*

Rev. DAVID CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; died, 1; added from other cures, 5; present number of communicants, 26. Post Office, Old Church, Hanover.

REMARKS.—The Rector is able to report only about \$150 contributed to charitable and religious purposes beyond the bounds of the Parish. The smallness of the amount contributed is in consequence of the Parish having, during the past Conventional year, purchased, in connection with St. Peter's, New Kent, a rectory at a cost to themselves individually of \$1,500, to which they have since added (their rectory having been burnt down) some \$800 more to rebuild it; and doing this, too, while contributing liberally to lighten their Rector's loss by the same fire that had so injured them. Nor has St. Peter's, New Kent, also losing \$1,500 in the burning of their rectory, been at all less liberal in proportion to their means, in contributing towards rebuilding it and assisting their minister. Both churches have done liberally both for themselves and for me. Their kindness

to me and my family has been truly surprising. Nor has the kindness of other friends, especially of Presbyterian friends in my Parish, and of friends belonging to no Church, been less extraordinary. It has been prompt, delicately conferred, and liberal beyond our most sanguine hopes. May none of those who have so befriended me and my family at home, and none who have so befriended us from abroad, ever want the blessing of Him whose blessing maketh us rich indeed, even in the midst of universal destitution of things earthly.

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### HARRISON COUNTY.

*Bethel Parish, Christ Church, Clarksburg.*

Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 3; present number, white, 18. Baptisms—white adults, 3; infants, 15. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 2. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 15; Scholars, 90. Families, 25. Contributions for Church purposes, \$380. Post Office, Clarksburg.

REMARKS.—The above report embraces the number of communicants, baptisms, contributions, &c., in Fairmont, which has not been formed into a regular Parish.

Number of communicants in Bethel Parish, Clarksburg, 22.

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### HENRY COUNTY.

*Patrick Parish.*

Rev. A. WADE, M. D., Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, 20. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, 4. Families, 15. Contributions to charitable purposes, \$82. Foreign Missions, \$82.

General Contributions.—Under this head, the Rector must state, (as he has received several requests as to the amount contributed to his support,) that a small amount of about \$50 or \$60 has been contributed to a neighboring Parish, and nothing

to his own expenses or support. Post Office, Martinsville, Henry County.

Number of white communicants of Christ Church, Patrick Parish, Henry County, 20.

There are others who belong to the Church, and may consider themselves of my Parish, but as they but seldom attend church, and are in neighboring counties, I have not included them in this report.

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### ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

#### *Christ Church, Smithfield.*

REV. CHAUNCEY COLTON, D. D., Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; colored, 1; died, 2; removed, 1; present number, 31. Baptisms—adult, white, 1; white infants, 7; colored, 10. Marriages, white, 1. Funerals, white, 6. Bible class, 1. Sunday School, 1; Superintendant and Teachers, 15; Scholars, 70. Families, 24. Contributions, aside from the Rector's salary, purchase, fitting up and furnishing rectory, \$1,150. Assessment for contingent fund of the Diocese for 1854, 1855, and 1856, (bringing up all arrearages,) \$89; communion offerings for seven months, \$31 91; collection for Prayer books, Sunday school books, Bible and Sunday school societies, \$66 80; total, \$1,337 71.

REMARKS.—The incumbent entered upon his duties on the 4th October last. He has much occasion to acknowledge and record the cordiality and warmth of his parishioners, and their generous and noble self-denial in furthering the interests of the Church, both within the bounds of the Parish of Newport and in the neighboring counties.

They have purchased, repaired and furnished a good and convenient rectory, with adequate grounds, *the ladies of the congregation efficiently aiding in this good work.* Though without a settled Rector from July, 1852, to October, 1855, the Sunday School continued to be zealously sustained. This, during the last four months, has increased from thirty to seventy scholars, with additions of about one hundred and fifty volumes to the library.

The pews of the church were all rented some months since. The attendance on the two services of Sabbath during Lent, and at the weekly lecture, has been good, sometimes entirely filling the church, and the manifestation of interest such as to afford the best grounds of encouragement of a sound increase of spiritual strength. The congregation of colored persons at the evening service, specially for them, is large and attentive.

Old Church, Newport Parish (St. Luke's,) has long been in a state of dilapidation. It may be considered extinct as a church, no services having been held in it for many years, though it continues to appear on the schedule of the Churches.

This noble old church edifice, of the early Gothic, is situated about four miles from Smithfield. It is the oldest church structure in the United States, having been erected, as is believed, in 1632. The vestry of Christ Church contemplate restoring and renewing this church edifice, and connecting it, as a chapel, with that of Smithfield. Should this enterprise be successful, in connection with that, at present in hopeful progress at Chuckatuck, St. John's,\* five miles further southward, our field of usefulness will be much enlarged, and the prospects and interests of the Episcopal Church, in this part of the Diocese, greatly strengthened. It is believed that no locality within the Diocese of Virginia has more sacred associations or stronger claims upon the sympathy and liberal aid of the friends of the Church than this, the most ancient and noble of all the old church structures of the country. Besides his duties at Christ Church, Smithfield, and within the limits of Newport Parish, the incumbent has visited most of the Episcopal families and individuals, of the counties of Nansemond and Southampton, officiated ten times, and attended one funeral in the former county, and one in Surry county.

In the counties of Isle of Wight, Southampton, Surry and Nansemond, there is much land to be re-possessioned. The incumbent has recently, with the full concurrence of his vestry, accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Suffolk, Nansemond county, and will officiate there once in each month, until a resident Rector can be settled and sustained in that church.

\* See Report of the Parish of Nansemond County.

## JACKSON COUNTY.

*Ravenswood Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. SAMUEL D. TOMPKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; present number, 17. Baptisms—infants, white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, white, 4. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 7; scholars, 30. Families, 9. Communion alms, \$25; raised by subscription to build a church at Ripley, the County seat of Jackson, \$700. Post Office, Ravenswood, Jackson County.

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## JAMES CITY COUNTY.

*Bruton Parish.*

Rev. GEORGE T. WILMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 5; died, 2; removed, 7; total, 74. Baptisms—infants, 3. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 2; total, 3. Funerals, 5. Amount of contributions, about \$700.

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## JEFFERSON COUNTY.

*St. Andrew's Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. C. W. ANDREWS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 5; died, 4; suspended, 1; present number, white, 54; colored, 1; total, 55. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 7; colored infants, 4; total, 12. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 1; total, 4. Funerals, white, 10; colored, 4; total, 14. Sunday Schools—teachers, 7; scholars, 40. Contributions for Church purposes about \$200.

REMARKS.—Few Parishes in the Diocese have lost more by removals every year. Here, as in many other of our Virginia parishes, the results of our work, if truly reported, would appear in the reports of Western Parishes. A very finely constructed and beautiful stone church has been put under roof during the past year.

*Grace Church, Smithfield, St. Bartholomew's Church, Leetown, Jefferson County, and Christ Church, Berkeley County.*

Rev. JULIUS E. GRAMMER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; removed, 4; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; present number, white, 38; colored 3; total, 41. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infant, 1. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 4. Sunday School, 1; Teachers, 11; Scholars, 50. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$41 50. Post Office, Middleway, Jefferson County.

REMARKS.—This Parish has been under my charge for eight months.

*Zion Church, Charlestown.*

Rev. CHARLES G. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, white, 90; colored, 4; total, 94. Baptisms—infants, white, 6; colored, 5; total, 11. Confirmations, 3. Marriages, white, 1. Burials, white, 5; colored, total, 3. Contributions, \$365 38½.

## KANAWHA COUNTY.

*Kanawha Parish, St. John's Church, Charleston, and St. Luke's Church, Malden.*

Rev. THOMPSON L. SMITH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number, white, 48. Baptisms—white adult, 1; infants, 16; colored, adult, 1; infants, 7; total, 25. Confirmed, white, 12; colored, 1. Married, white, 1. Funerals, white, 6. Sunday schools—teachers, 9; scholars, 50. Families, (this cannot be accurately stated; in many instances we may have one or more members in a family, who, as to all the rest, are members of some other denomination.) Contributions for Church purposes, \$284 52—for Missions, domestic \$15; foreign, \$53; Diocesan, \$40 10; Communion alms, \$38 15; total, \$430 77. Post Office, Kanawha Court House.

Number of white communicants in St. John's Church, 34; in St. Luke's, 14; total, 48.

REMARKS.—The Rector deems it proper to state that his services are still bestowed upon the two congregations in Charleston and in the Salines, besides a weekly service in North Charleston. At this place, (N. Charleston,) an eligible site for a church, has been given—the title being vested in the trustees of St. John's Church—and a subscription is now being made for the erection of a house of worship. The work is in progress, and we hope in a few months to have a building completed. If it were possible, the services of the Rector should be confined to Charleston; and in this addition, the Diocese providing a minister for the Salines and an adjacent neighborhood, where there could be large additions made to our Church.

The Assistant Bishop, whose visitation in the Kanawha Valley and the West has just closed, has witnessed our destitution in regard to an adequate supply of laborers, and will, no doubt, allude to it in his report to the Convention.

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## KING GEORGE COUNTY.

### *Brunswick Parish, Lamb's Creek Church.*

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.

Communicants—present number, white, 8. Families, 7. Post Office, Stafford Court House.

REMARKS.—I resumed the charge of this Parish at the beginning of the present year, services having been suspended for the eight preceding months.

It is contemplated shortly to hold a fair, and use other means for collecting funds, with a view to repair the church building. If this can be accomplished, the prospect for an established congregation is very encouraging.

The circumstance which enabled me to reënter upon the duties of this Parish, was a union effected with the Church of Aquia, in Stafford county. This union promises to be permanent, and in every way satisfactory.



*Hanover Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. WILLIAM FRIEND, Rector.

Communicants—added, 3; removed, 2; total, 20. Baptisms—white, adult, 1; infants, white, 1; colored, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, 2. Married, 1. Contributions, \$100.

*St. Paul's Parish.*

Rev. K. J. STEWART, Rector.

Communicants—added 4; removed, 2; present number, 73; Baptisms—infants, 1. Funeral, 1. Sunday schools—teachers, 5; scholars, 16. Families, 40. Contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$1,286. Post Office, Hampstead.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

*Christ Church Parish, Grace, White Chapel, and Christ Churches.*

Rev. EDMUND WITHERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, white, 1; died, 1; present number, 36. Baptisms—white, adults, 2; infants, 6; total, 8. Confirmed, white 2. Marriages, white, 4. Funerals, white, 9. Sunday schools—teachers, 3; scholars, 10. Families, 31. Contributions for Church purposes—Missions, domestic, \$10; foreign, \$240; Diocesan, \$113; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$305; Theological Seminary, \$505; Communion alms, \$20; total, \$1,253. Bequeathed by the late William and James Kelly, viz: to Theological Seminary, \$2,000; Domestic Missions, \$250; Foreign Missions, \$250; Christ Church Parish, \$500; total, \$3,000. Post Office, Lancaster Court House.

REMARKS.—This Parish has lost within a short time past, five of its adult male members, among whom were its strongest supporters. It is cheering, however, to know that, though its losses have been great, and its communion additions few, it is steadily growing in spiritual-mindedness, and its contributions to all religious Church purposes are very liberal. God be thanked for putting good desires into the hearts of my beloved people, and may He bless them for Jesus' sake.

## LEWIS COUNTY.

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. R. A. CASTLEMAN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; present number, white, 20. Baptisms—white adult, 1; infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, white, 3. Sunday School, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Families, 20. Post Office, Weston, Lewis County.

REMARKS.—This congregation is making an effort to build or purchase a parsonage. About \$600 have already been subscribed to this object, and there is a prospect of speedy success in the undertaking.

## LOUDOUN COUNTY.

*John's Parish, Emanuel Church.*

Rev. O. A. KINSOLVING, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 25. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 6; colored adult, 1; total, 8. Confirmed, white, 5. Married, white, 1. Funerals, white, 8. Sunday School, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 40. Families, 16. Contributions for Church purposes \$56. Missions, domestic, \$45; foreign, \$100; general contributions, \$60; total, \$255. Post Office, Middleburg.

REMARKS.—It may be well to mention as an encouragement to other Parishes, that the congregation connected with the church at Middleburg have purchased an eligible lot and will soon have completed a very neat and comfortable parsonage which will cost about \$2,500. Considering the small size of the congregation and the liberality of its contributions to other objects, this is a very creditable work, and is an indication, we trust, of correct views and a right spirit. It would be unjust, however, and ungrateful, too, if we failed to mention that this object was mainly suggested and promoted by a legacy of \$500 from the late Mrs. Frances C. Berkeley, of Aldie, who, in life, was an example to the Church of all good works, and who, in death, left with us this standing memorial of her Christian benevolence.

*Shelbourne Parish, St. James' Church.*

Communicants—present number, white, 77; colored, 3; total, 80. Contingent quota, \$77.

REMARKS.—The above report is necessarily imperfect in details, in consequence of the lamented death, on 3d June, of the Rev. Geo. Adie, late Rector of this Parish.

W. A. POWELL, *Senior Warden.*

## LOUISA COUNTY.

*Trinity Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. JOHN COOKE, Officiating.

Communicants—removed, 4; present number, 5. Baptisms—infants, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 10. Contributions for Church purposes—contingent fund, \$5; general contributions, \$8 50; total, \$13 50. Post Office, Aetna, Hanover county.

REMARKS.—Congregations large, attentive and orderly. The families are so scattered and divided in sentiment that it is difficult ascertaining how many are attached to the Church.

*Green Spring Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. E. BOYDEN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 6; removed, 1; died, 4; total, 16. Funerals, 5. Contributions—mostly for Missions, \$109 98. Post Office, Cobham.

## LUNENBURG COUNTY.

*Cumberland Parish, St. John's and St. Paul's Churches.*

Rev. D. J. HENDERSON, Officiating.

Communicants—died, 2; present number, white, 43; colored, 2; total, 45. Baptisms—colored infants, 17. Funeral, white, 1. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 63. Contribu-

tions—Missions, foreign, \$20; domestic, \$35; Communion alms, \$88 25; general contributions, \$25; total, \$88 25 Post Office, Non-Intervention.

REMARKS.—The undersigned having officiated only as temporary Rector since February last, and the parishes having been without a Rector for the twelve previous months, will account for the deficiency in this report. Another Sunday School is in formation.

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### LYNCHBURG.

*St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. W. H. KINCKLE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 19; died, 7; removed, transferred, or for other causes dropped from the Parish Register 29; present number, 172, including 5 colored persons. Baptisms—white infants, 10; colored, adult, 1; total, 11. Marriages, 13, one of which was colored. Funerals, 25. Families, about 98. Sunday School—teachers, 18; scholars, 130. Contributions—foreign missions, \$274 20; domestic missions, \$64 50; Virginia Bible Society, \$29; for Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$357; alms for poor, \$366; contingent fund, \$167; Education Society, \$66 25; total, \$1,323 95.

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### MADISON COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish, Piedmont and Trinity Churches.*

Rev. WILLIAM THOMAS LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number, white, 18. Marriages, white, 8. Funerals, white, 6. Families, 18. Sunday schools, 2, and a Bible class for adults. The *known* amount contributed for the cause of religion and the Church, without the borders of the Parish, about \$42 50, viz : for the building of an Episcopal Church, at Washington, Rappahannock County, 20; a second contribution for relief of the citizens of Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$10; for foreign and domestic missions,

\$12 50; also to the contingent fund of the Diocese, \$18; total, \$60 50. Post Office, Peola Mills.

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### MATTHEWS COUNTY.

#### *Kingston Parish.*

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 1; present number, 18. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 2; total, 3. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday Schools—teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$105 37. Post Office, Urbana, Middlesex county.

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### MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

#### *St. Luke's Parish.*

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 2; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; present number, white, 26. Baptisms—white infants, 1; colored, 14; total, 15. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 20. Contributions—for Convention Fund, \$26; for missions—domestic, \$3; foreign, \$3; diocesan, \$3; education fund, \$5; total, \$40. Post Office, Boynton, Mecklenburg County.

REMARKS.—Rev. F. H. McGuire officiates once a month in St. Luke's Church, Old Church and St. Timothy's, in the town of Clarksville, without a minister.

EDWARD TARRY, *Church Warden.*

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### MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

#### *Christ Church Parish.*

Rev. G. S. CARRAWAY, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 1; present number, 6. Baptisms—white infant, 1. Married, white, 1. Funerals, 2. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$212 03.

## NANSEMOND COUNTY.

*Upper Suffolk Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. CHAUNCEY COLTON, D. D., Rector.

Communicants—added, 2; withdrawn, 2; died, 2; present number, 20. Baptisms—adult, 1. Confirmed, 2. Married, 1. Families, 21. Contributions—contingent fund, \$20.

REMARKS.—The incumbent accepted the call of the vestry, to the rectorship on the 10th of the present month, in connection with that of Christ Church, Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, on the duties of which he entered on the 1st October last. St. Paul's, Suffolk, had been without a Rector for a considerable time. During the present year occasional services have been rendered by the Rev. Aristides Smith and others. The Sunday School has recently been reorganized, with good promise of usefulness. The families and members of the communion seem zealous in strengthening the things that remain, and with the blessing of God upon the ministry, and upon their own efforts and sacrifices for Christ's sake, we may hope to see a steady and sound growth in all the elements of a vigorous church.

*Lower Suffolk Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. CHAUNCEY COLTON, D. D., Rector.

The subscriber has several times visited this church, and the individuals connected with it, officiating in the Protestant Methodist Church, at Chuckatuck. St. John's Church, situated about a mile from the village, has been in a state of dilapidation for several years, and until within the last few months no services from the ministry of the Episcopal Church have been enjoyed for a considerable period. There remain, however, several families and individuals, ready to coöperate in the present efforts to restore the institutions of the Church, and our services are very fully attended. The present number of communicants is seven. The death of the late General Crump, who had been for many years a member of the vestry of the two churches of Lower Suffolk Parish, has reduced that body to three, there having been no election for some six or eight years. It has

seemed to the subscriber a very important step toward restoring the ministry to this Parish and placing both churches on a sound footing, that an effort should be made toward reconstructing and restoring the church edifice—St. John's. He has, therefore, in connection with several zealous members of the Church, entered upon the enterprise, and with every prospect of entire success. Nearly the whole amount necessary has already been subscribed. It is hoped the work will be put under contract early the present summer. It is the design of the subscriber, as often as may consist with other duties, to officiate during the week at Chuckatuck, till the completion of the contemplated work upon St. John's, and to do what may be in his power toward reëstablishing regular worship in this interesting and growing village.

The subscriber has visited the other church of Upper Suffolk Parish, on the south side of the Nansemond river, and has an appointment for services there on the 5th Sunday of June, at the commencement of an arrangement with other clerical brethren of this part of the Diocese, for a monthly supply. The church edifice has, within the last year or two, been restored, partly from funds accruing from the glebe of the Parish, and partly from subscriptions.

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#### NELSON COUNTY.

##### *Nelson Parish, Christ and Trinity Churches.*

Rev. T. F. MARTIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 30. Baptisms—white adult, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Marriages, white, 3; colored 1; total, 4. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 4; scholars, 25. Families, 21. Collected for missions (foreign) \$33; Communion alms, \$4 92. Post Office, Tye River Warehouse.

The above report embraces only from the 24th of last September, the present Rector having entered upon his duties at that time.

## NEW KENT COUNTY.

*St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Parish.*

Rev. D. CALDWELL, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; added from other cures, 4; present number, 21. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 1.

REMARKS.—For some interesting facts connected with the history of this church during the last Conventional year, read the "remarks" at the close of the report of Immanuel Church, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover.

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## NORFOLK CITY.

*Christ Church.*

Rev. CHARLES MINNEGERODE, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 53; colored, 1; removed, 27; withdrawn, 2; died, 57; present number, white, 403; colored, 41. Baptisms—white adults, 3; white infants, 17; total, 20. Confirmed, white, 32; colored, 1; total, 33. Marriages, white, 12; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 20, exclusive of the fever, during which 48 communicants died. The exact number of the members of the congregation that died and were buried during the fever not being ascertained. The Rev. Lewis Walke reports 51 funerals. It is not known how many funerals were attended in Christ Church congregation by the late Rev. Wm. M. Jackson. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 42; scholars, 200. Owing to the calamity of last summer and fall, the Sunday school had to be reorganized entirely during the winter, and has not yet obtained its usual strength. The zealous superintendent appointed, expresses his hope of reporting a more prosperous condition and a larger number of scholars in his next report. Families, about 180. Contributions, inclusive of the contingent fund, \$3,056 75. The contributions have been reduced to this sum by the loss of nearly half a year's collection—omitted during the time of the fever and a few months subsequent to it.

REMARKS.—The Rector has been assisted, as heretofore, by the Rev. Lewis Walke, who reports: Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored, 8. Marriages, 2. Funerals, 51. Mr. Walke has



charge of the colored congregation connected with Christ's Church. His services at all times have been a support and comfort to the Rector. His faithfulness and Christian conduct during the providential absence of the Rector, has been such as to be above any commendation on his part.

*St. Paul's Church*

Rev. N. A. OKESON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, 31; withdrawn, 1; died, 27; present number, white, 166; colored, 2; total, 168. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages—white, 8. Funerals, 86.

REMARKS.—The present incumbent having had charge of the Parish but a few weeks finds it impossible to present a full and accurate report.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

*Portsmouth Parish, Trinity Church.*

Rev. J. H. WINGFIELD, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; removed, white, 2; died, white, 5; colored, 1; present number, white, 67. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 16; total, 17. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, white, 3. Funerals, white, 13; colored 2; total, 15. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 59. Families, 50. Contributions for Church purposes—pew rents, \$883 25; collections, \$627 65; for missions—domestic, \$37; foreign, \$10; Diocesan, \$10; communion alms, \$74 80; Convention fund, \$67; general purposes, \$30; total, \$1,739 70. Post Office, Portsmouth.

REMARKS.—Instead of, as might reasonably have been expected, some improvement in the spiritual state of this congregation, after the severe scourge with which we were visited last summer and fall, the Rector is grieved to have to say, that there seems to be rather a decline even below what he was compelled to report at the last Convention. This is the case still, more particularly with the males, and with those most of all, who remained at home, and witnessed all the horrors of that awful pestilence. It is true, he has had some little to encourage him

recently, among a few of the younger members of his charge, who have been brought to take an open stand on the Lord's side; and there seems to be some little more life and interest in spiritual things among the communicants generally, who, in the fear of God, fled from the ravages of His terrible scourge, while the rest seem to be hardened rather than softened by it. Deaths in the congregation by yellow fever, 20, of whom four were communicants.

*Portsmouth Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. ROBERT JOPE, Rector.

Communicants—died, 2; removed, 2; present number, white, 39; colored, 1; total, 40. Baptisms—white infants, 1; colored, 1; total, 2. Married, white, 1. Funerals, white, 7. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 11; scholars, 76. Families, 39. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$99 38. Post Office, Portsmouth.

REMARKS.—I entered upon the duties of this Parish on the 21st of March, 1856.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

*Hungar's Parish*

Rev. JOHN M. CHEVERS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 1; died, 2; present number, white, 56. Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored infants, 5; total, 8. Confirmed, white, 6. Marriages, white, 5. Funerals, white, 8. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 13; scholars, 47. Families, 36. Contributions for Church purposes, \$150; for missions, domestic, \$130; foreign missions, \$75; Diocesan, \$10; Education Society, \$35; Virginia Bible Society, \$60; communion alms, \$74 16½; contingent fund, \$56; total, \$590 16½. Post Office, Eastville, Northampton County.

REMARKS.—Though the winter past, has been unusually severe, our Sunday school has been in successful operation. Twice in the month services are held in Christ Church, Eastville, for the servants. The congregations are very large and at-

tentive. On the alternate Sundays I visit the "poor house," and preach to its inmates. It is with pleasure unfeigned, that I make mention of some little girls, (the lambs of my flock,) who have lately organized themselves into a society for the purpose of aiding the missionaries. They hold their meetings monthly. These little "busy bodies" have sent already the sum of fifty dollars (which is included in the one hundred and thirty dollars mentioned in the report,) to the missionary association for the West. O that others would go and do likewise.

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### ORANGE COUNTY.

*St. Thomas' Parish, St. Thomas' Church.*

Rev. J. EARNEST, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, white, 84. Baptisms—white adults, 1; white infants, 3; total, 4. Marriages, white, 7; colored, 1; total, 8. Funerals, white, 14; colored, 1; total, 15. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 20. Families, 48. Contributions, foreign missions, \$100 15; domestic missions, \$29; Education Society, \$15; communion alms, \$35 43; general contributions, \$189 50; total, \$369 08. Post Office, Orange Court House.

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### PETERSBURG.

*Grace Church.*

Rev. CHURCHILL J. GIBSON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 40; colored, 3; removed, 17; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; died, 1; present number, white, 197; colored, 6; total, 203. Baptisms—white adults, 13; white infants, 62; colored infants, 6; total, 81. Confirmed, white, 29; colored, 2; total, 31. Marriages, white, 21; colored, 20; total, 41. Funerals, white, 65; colored, 5; total, 70. Sunday school—teachers, 22; scholars, 120. Families, about 60. Contributions—for missions, \$178; domestic missions, \$150; Dio-

cesan missions, \$40; communion alms, \$130; general contributions, \$203; total, \$701.

REMARKS.—The Rector is thankful to be able to say that he feels still very much encouraged. His people are exceedingly kind, and the large majority of them seem disposed to respond generously and promptly to every call that is made upon them. The Sunday school is not altogether as actively sustained by the older members of the Church as the Rector could wish. He is accustomed to catechise the more advanced scholars every Sunday half an hour before the school is closed.

*Bristol Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

REV. W. H. PLATT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, white, 181; colored, 7; total, 188. Baptisms—white infants, 4. Confirmed, white, 9. Funerals, white, 4; colored, 1. Sunday school—teachers, 24; scholars, 125.

REMARKS.—Services are now held in the basement of the new church edifice, but it is hoped that in a few weeks the congregation will be in the full occupancy of the building.

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PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

*Camden Parish, Church of the Epiphany.*

REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 6; colored, 1; removed, 6; withdrawn, 1; died, 2; present number, white, 32; colored, 4; total, 36. Baptisms, white adults, 2; infants, 4; colored, 2; total, 8. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Post Office, Danville.

*Camden Parish, Emanuel Church.*

REV. GEORGE W. DAME, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; removed, 4; present number, white, 16; total, 22. Baptisms—white adults, 1; infants, 1; total, 2. Contributions for Church purposes, \$18.

## POWHATAN COUNTY.

*St. James' Parish, Southam, Immanuel Church.*

Rev. THOMAS M. AMBLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 3; removed, 1; present number, white, 15; colored, 1; total, 16. Confirmed, white, 2. Funerals, white, 1. Families, 10. Contributions—for Foreign Missions, \$20; American Tract Society, \$13 55; total, \$33 55. Post Office, Jefferson, Powhatan County.

REMARKS.—This Parish being without a Rector from May, 1855, to January, 1856, there have not been so many collections taken up as otherwise would have been.

*Genito Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. P. F. BERKELEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number, white, 22; colored, 1; total, 23. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Confirmed, 1. Funerals—white, 1; colored 2; total, 3. Families, 9. Contributions from the two Parishes, Raleigh and Genito, about \$181. Post Office, Winterham, Amelia County.

*Powhatan Parish, St. Luke's Church.*

Rev. ANDREW FISHER, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; present number, white, 27. Baptisms—white infants, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Confirmed, white, 3. Married, 1. Funerals, 3. Families, 17. Contributions for Church purposes, \$328 37. For missions, domestic, \$32 37½; foreign, \$110. Diocesan, \$23; Communion alms, \$35; general contributions, \$128; total, \$656 75. Post Office, Sublett's Tavern, Powhatan County.

## PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY.

*Lynnhaven Parish.*

Communicants—died, 1; present number, white, 24. Baptism—white infant, 1. Funerals, white, 3. Sunday school, 1;

teachers, 6; scholars, 25. Contributions for Church purposes, \$10 74. Post Office, London Bridge, Princess Anne County.

REMARKS.—I would remark, that in spite of the meagreness of this report and small returns given, there is in Lynnhaven Parish much to encourage the friends of the Lord Jesus. True, before I came into the Parish there had died several of the most influential members of our Church in Princess Anne; so that we have lost many of those who were forward in every good work; but still there is a good field—much ground for sowing seed, and, I trust, some grain ready for harvest.

#### PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

*St. John's Church, City Point, and Trinity Church, Bermuda Hundreds.*

Rev. EDWIN W. MURRAY, Rector.

The undersigned took charge of the above Parishes, at the invitation of their Vestry, in the beginning of February last. Previous to that time, they had been destitute of the services of a Rector for several years, the churches, in the meantime, remaining closed, except when occasionally Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Petersburg, and others of the neighboring clergy, officiated in them on a week-day.

At City Point, there already exists a gratifying and promising degree of interest. The congregation has increased steadily since the services were resumed, and it is now sufficiently large to fill the church. The Vestry have undertaken to repair the church building, and will, in the course of a few weeks, make it a very pleasant and convenient house of worship. At Bermuda Hundreds, we have a good church building, but a small congregation. Services are held here but once a month.

The following statistics are all that can be reported at present:

Communicants—added, 9; present number, 15. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 8; scholars, 50. Contributions for Church purposes, \$50; communion alms, \$20 67.

REMARKS.—One of the Sunday schools above reported, was

organized at Broadway by some gentlemen and ladies belonging to St. John's Parish. With a Christian zeal and perseverance worthy of much praise, they have prosecuted their labors of love amongst a population hitherto destitute of the means of religious instruction, and already they have much to encourage them in believing that their efforts are blessed by God.

P. S.—In behalf of St. John's Church, I take this opportunity of acknowledging the reception of twenty-five prayers from a benevolent lady in Philadelphia; of fifty dollars from the same lady to be used in repairing the church, and of a communion service and baptismal bowl from a gentleman in Prince George County.

*Martin's Brandon Parish, Merchant's Hope and Brandon Churches.*

REV. EDMUND C. MURDAUGH, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 11; removed, white, 6; died, white, 2; present number, white, 51; colored, 3; total, 54. Baptisms—white infants, 3; colored infants, 6; total, 9. Confirmations, white, 2. Marriages, white, 2; colored, 6; total, 8. Funerals, white, 6. Contributions for Church purposes—domestic missions, \$10; foreign missions, \$111 70 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Diocesan, \$34 91; communion alms, unappropriated, \$32 99; Christ Church, Matagorda, Texas, \$68; for sufferers at Norfolk, \$115; amount paid on Brandon Church, about \$5,000; total amount collected, \$5,372 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

REMARKS.—At the approaching Convention, petitions will be presented from both churches, asking for a formal separation; in anticipation of which, the congregation of Merchant's Hope have secured the services of Rev. R. L. Johnson, late of South Carolina. The numerous attendance on the services at this Church, shows the hold which the Church has obtained on the esteem of the community. Within a short period additional room in the church edifice will have to be provided. The Rector during the past year has once a month gathered around him here a large and interesting class of catechumens—children belonging to the congregation. The deportment of these children, and their interest in the course of instruction, was most gratifying. The

Brandon congregation has nearly completed a most beautiful church edifice in the modern style, which will be ready for consecration by the time appointed by the Assistant Bishop for his visitation. The whole cost will not be less than \$7,000, every cent of which will be paid when due. Too much praise cannot be given to the little handful of contributors on whom this expense has fallen. One member of this congregation has given more than one-third of the whole cost. This church will henceforth be connected with the church at Cabin Point, and the Rector is already alternating between these two congregations. The congregations at Brandon are steadily improving. At Cabin Point there is an old colonial church still standing. It needs much repairs, however. One liberal vestryman has proposed to expend several thousand dollars in refitting it—he offering to furnish the means. A youth not yet of age insists on sharing the expenses. The Rector reports these instances of liberality, hoping thereby to excite emulation in other Parishes. The former parsonage of this Parish has been ceded to the Merchant's Hope church. A rectory, with a snug farm attached, has already been provided at a cost of about \$1,860, for the use of the Rector of the new Parish of Martin's Brandon.

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#### PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.

##### *Dettingen Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; present number, white, 31. Baptisms—colored infants, 4. Confirmations, white, 4. Marriages, white, 1; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 3.

##### *Leeds' Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. JOHN TOWLES, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 7; removed, 5; died, 2; present number, white, 31. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 7. Confirmations, white, 4. Marriages, white, 3; colored, 1. Funerals, white, 4.



## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY.

*Bloomfield Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. WM. THOS. LEAVELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 2; present number of white communicants, 8. Baptisms—white adult, 1; infant, 1; total, 2. Marriages, white, 2. Funerals, white, 2. Families, 14. Amount contributed to the cause of religion and the Church not within the limits of the Parish, and passing through the hands of the Rector, about \$65: for orphans at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$32; foreign and domestic, and Diocesan missions, \$33; contingent fund of the Diocese, \$8. Post Office, Slate Mills, Rappahannock county.

REMARKS.—In addition to the above contributions, a very liberal subscription has been made to erect an Episcopal Church at Washington, the county seat of Rappahannock, and it is hoped a neat building will soon be put up, as the matter is in the hands of an active committee. The prospects of the Church in Rappahannock county are very promising, though the communion at present seems so small.

## RICHMOND CITY.

*Henrico Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. H. S. KEPPLER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 16; by certificate 2; present number, white, 76; colored, 1; total, 77. Baptisms—infants, 5; adults, 9; total, 14. Marriages, white, 11; colored, 2; total, 13. Confirmations, 17. Funerals, 12.

REMARKS.—The Rector is happy to report an increased and growing interest in Sunday school instruction. Two new schools have been recently established. One for very young children, of 20 scholars with the prospect of additions, under the care of three of the ladies of the congregation. The other is for the colored people which is taught orally, at present, by the Rector. The attendance at this school, for the few Sundays it has been in operation, is from 60 to 65; and the scholars

evinced an encouraging disposition to be instructed in the way of salvation. The old Sunday school has been much increased, and with more teachers, could be enlarged to a much greater extent. There are in this school 102 scholars 46 male and 56 female, taught by one superintendent, 6 male and 10 female teachers. It is well supplied with instruction and library books.

Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, \$63; American Tract Society, \$26 29; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$13; communion alms, \$91 70; other charitable contributions, \$100; contingent fund, \$76; total, 369 99.

*Henrico Parish, Monumental Church.*

Rev. GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, Rector.

Communicants—added, 26; removed, 24; withdrawn, 1; died, 3; present number, 169. Baptisms—adults, 8; infants, 20; total, white, 28. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, white, 12; colored, 3; total, 15. Funerals, white, 19. Contributions for Church purposes—to foreign missions, \$409; Oregon Territory, \$73; domestic missions, \$120; Theological Seminary, \$165; for building churches in the West, \$415; Education Society, \$83; communion alms, \$250; Diocesan missions, \$38; to the sufferers at Norfolk and Portsmouth, \$329 23; Bible Society, \$94; total, \$1,976 23.

*Henrico Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. JOSHUA PETERKIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 45; removed, 15; died, 1; present number, white, 204; colored, 3; total, 207. Baptisms—white adults, 2; white infants, 26; total, 28. Confirmed, white, 15. Marriages, white, 7. Funerals, white, 20; colored, 1; total, 21. Sunday school—teachers, 25; scholars, 180. Sunday school for servants—teachers, 10; scholars, 200. Families, in whole, or in part, 160. Contributions for Church purposes—missions, foreign, \$578 43; Diocesan, \$156 48; other Diocesan efforts, \$121 02; Oregon, \$50; communion alms, \$246 53; contingent fund, \$204; Evangelical Knowledge Society, \$156 50; Parish Sunday school, \$152 20; general contributions, \$135;

Norfolk and Portsmouth fund, \$445; American Tract Society, \$146 60; Bible Society, \$195; African Colonization, \$100; total, \$2,686 76.

REMARKS.—It is proper to state that of the forty-five communicants added during the past year, eighteen only are new additions. Of the remaining twenty seven, *three* are from other Dioceses; *twenty-two* from various parts of this Diocese, beyond the City of Richmond; *one* from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, and *one* from St. John's Church, Richmond. Of the fifteen communicants lost by removal, *four* have gone out of the Diocese, and *eleven* to parishes within the Diocese, but beyond the limits of the City.

These frequent changes render much care necessary, in order to the accuracy of our parochial reports, and show the importance of furnishing our communicants, when they remove, with the proper certificates.

*Henrico Parish, St. Paul's Church.*

Rev. F. D. GOODWIN, Acting Rector.

St. Paul's Church, having been unsupplied with a settled Rector during the past year, the materials are not at hand for a definite report. The congregation is believed to have been remarkably exempted, by the good providence of God, from the visitations of death, and that the number of communicants is about the same as last reported, viz: 202. Sunday school, 1; superintendent, 1; teachers, 17; scholars, 119. Post Office address, Richmond, care of Dr. R. Archer.

REMARKS.—Since last June, when I resigned the parish in Nelson county, I have had no parochial charge, and for the support of my family have been compelled at last to resort to secular pursuits; yet I endeavor never to forget my sacred profession, and do not decline any ministerial duty that comes within my reach. I have preached some eight or ten times in Botetourt county; once at the Warm Springs; twice in Staunton; once in Charlottesville; supplied St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, from December 9th till February 17th; have preached in Richmond fifteen times, mostly in St. Paul's Church; and have read service and assisted in the communion on various occasions.

*Henrico Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. W. E. WEBB, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 12; died, 1; present number 30. Baptisms—white adult, 1; white infants, 7; colored, 2; total, 10. Confirmed, white, 7. Married, 1. Funerals, 6.

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## RICHMOND COUNTY.

*Farnham Parish, Farnham Church.*

Rev. W. H. COFFIN, Rector.

Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; present number 9. Baptisms—white infants, 3. Confirmed 1. Married 2. Funerals, 2. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 2; scholars, 12. Communion alms, \$3 35. Post Office, Durrettsville, Richmond County.

*Lunenburg Parish, Lunenburg Church.*

Rev. W. H. COFFIN, Rector.

Communicants—added 2; died, 1; present number 10. Confirmed 3. Married 2. Funerals, 3. Families, 20. Post Office, Warsaw, Richmond County.

REMARKS.—In the two parishes above reported there is an increased interest in religious matters, and a number have become serious and prayerful, but they have been so long without a Rector that much has to be done before all the great interests of the Church are properly cared for. I have not reported the contributions for religious purposes because I had not the means at hand of knowing the amount, but something has been done, although it is small, compared with what it ought to be.

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## ROANOKE COUNTY.

*Salem Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. W. H. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 5; removed, 9; died, 1; present number, white, 23. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants,

4; total, 5. Confirmed, white, 3. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 1. Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 8; scholars, 29. Families, 18. Contributions for Church purposes, \$253, viz: For missions—domestic, \$5; foreign, \$70; communion alms, \$10; general contributions, \$168. Post Office, Big Lick, Roanoke County.

### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

#### *Rockingham Parish.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; removed, 1; present number—at Port Republic, white, 10; at Harrisonburg, white, 3; total, 13. Married, white, 1. Families, 5. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$13. Post Office, Staunton.

#### *Boyden Chapel.*

Rev. J. C. WHEAT, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 8. Amount of contributions to the cause of religion and the Church, \$5. Post Office, Staunton.

### ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY.

#### *Latimer Parish, Grace Church.*

Rev. W. N. PENDLETON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 24; died, 1; removed, 2; present number, white, 66. Baptisms—white, adults, 5; infants, 3; total, 7. Confirmed, white, 2. Marriages—white, 3. Funerals, 2. Sunday schools—teachers, 7; scholars, 30. Families, 22. Contributions for Church purposes about \$300; for missions—foreign, \$100; domestic, \$10; communion alms, \$50; total, \$160. Post Office, Lexington.

REMARKS.—The Rector of this Parish would thankfully, but humbly, mention the work of grace, which, in common with

other servants of the Lord in the locality of his labors, he has been permitted to witness within the last few weeks. An afflictive Providence, eliciting the power of faith, in the case of a young Presbyterian student of Washington College, seems to have been the occasion of this spiritual blessing. A very unusual sensibility of mind on the part of many was soon indicated; and services were held with more than usual frequency in several churches. My own were not increased much in number, but very greatly in interest. Every word seemed to be precious. The great inquiry came from many souls; and on Whitsunday our hearts were gladdened by the spectacle of more than twenty young men together at the chancel, bending the knee, for the first time, to receive the memorials of our blessed Lord's dying love. One of these, from a Baptist family, I had, in the morning, baptized, by immersion, in the adjacent river—he preferring that mode, as most agreeable to his parents. Three others were the same day baptized, by sprinkling, in the church. The solemn impression is on several minds, among these educated youths, that the work of the Gospel ministry is their calling and must be their happiness; and it is trusted they may indeed become faithful ambassadors of Christ. The good work is still happily progressing among the fine young men of the Virginia Military Institute, whose active Christian Superintendent and his devout associates in administration, do so much to make it a scene of such surpassing interest in this season of refreshing. We trust many more will be brought to the same happy experience in which their companions are rejoicing, and that unworthiness may in no wise frustrate so rich a mercy.

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#### SURRY COUNTY.

##### *Southwark Parish, Lower Surry Church.*

REV. JOHN C. McCABE, Rector.

Communicants—removed, 3; died, 2; present number, white, 24. Baptisms—white infants, 2. Marriages—white, 2. Funerals—white, 2. Families, 11. Convention fund, \$14.

REMARKS.—The friends of the Church in Southwark Parish

have, at length, succeeded in completing their new church edifice, which is a beautiful frame, Grecian building, capable of holding about two hundred and fifty persons, at a cost of upwards of twenty-two hundred dollars; and it is now ready for consecration to the service and worship of Almighty God. With this report ends the labors of the present Rector among as faithful a little flock as ever pastor was blessed with. Indeed, he cannot trust to words to convey an expression of the feeling with which he bids them (and the Diocese of Virginia) farewell! For nearly nine years he has given them a service once a month. We began (in a worn-out and long vacated parish) with five communicants. We have lost nine by death and removal, and now number twenty-four. Two of the liberal contributors to our new church (not communicants), Wm. R. Hankins and Bolling Jones, have died before the completion of the building, but their families will worship in its hallowed walls. With the aid of the Diocesan Missionary Society they can sustain an unmarried minister, and I can assure such he will have a kind-hearted and generous people to whom to break the bread of life.

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#### SPOTTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

##### *Berkeley Parish, St. John's Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—white, 13. Families, 4. Contributions to foreign missions, \$19. Post Office, Mount Pleasant, Spottsylvania County.

##### *St. George's Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. D. M. WHARTON, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 1; colored, 2; present number 19; total, 21. Baptisms—white infant, 1. Married, white, 1. Funerals—white, 2; colored, 1; total, 3. Contributions to foreign missions, \$15 25.

## STAFFORD COUNTY.

*Overwharton Parish, Aquia Church.*

Rev. HENRY WALL, Rector.,

Communicants—added, white, 1; present number, white, 9. Baptisms—colored adult, 1. Funerals, white, 1. Bible class, 1; teacher, 1; scholars, 15. Families, 12. Contributions for Church purposes—contingent fund, \$9. Post Office Stafford Court House.

REMARKS.—Before I entered upon the charge of this church, in the spring of 1855, it had been, for several years, without a settled Minister. The fine old colonial church has been repaired at considerable expense, and the prospects are, in every way, encouraging.

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

*Holston Parish, St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon.*

Communicants—removed, 2; present number 13. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 6; scholars, 25.

REMARKS.—This Parish is without a Minister—Rev. H. T. Lee, the late Rector, having resigned on the 1st of August, 1855, since which time, no services have been held in the church. The Sunday school, however, is in a flourishing condition.

W. F. BARR, *Warden.*

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

*Cople Parish, Nomony and Yeocomico Churches.*

Rev. T. GRAYSON DASHIELL, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 10; removed, 1; died, 3; present number 25. Baptisms—white, adults, 4; infants, 6; total, 10. Confirmed, 9. Marriages—white, 1; colored, 2. Funerals, white, 12; colored, 6; total, 18. Sunday school, 1; teachers, 5; scholars, 30. Families, 24. Contributions for Church purposes—for missions, foreign, \$43 50; Diocesan, \$15 15; com-



munion alms, \$18 37; total, \$77 02. Post Office, The Hague.

REMARKS.—In addition to the foregoing contributions, the Parish has, in the past year, expended \$1,700 in the erection and completion of a rectory. It is built upon a very eligible piece of land, which was kindly donated for that purpose by one of the vestry. In addition to the regular services with the families of the Parish, there is preaching every Sabbath afternoon to the servants. Large congregations of these assemble, at present, in the open woods; but it is confidently hoped that a suitable building will soon be erected.

*Montross Parish, St. James' Church.*

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, 1; present number 9. Marriages—white, 2. Sunday schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 60. Families, 6. Communion alms, \$15.

*Washington Parish, St. Peter's Church.*

Rev. J. W. CHESLEY, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 4; died, 1; present number, white, 21. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 14; colored, infant, 1; total, 16. Confirmation—white, 1. Marriages—white, 5. Funerals—white, 6. Sunday schools—teachers, 8; scholars, 30. Families, 16. Contributions for Church purposes, \$20; for missions—foreign, \$30; communion alms, \$39 57; total, \$89 57. Post Office, Oak Grove.

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WINCHESTER.

*Frederick Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. C. WALKER, Rector.

Communicants—added, 26; removed, 6; died, 4; present number, white, 111; colored, 4; total, 115. Baptisms—white, infants, 8; adults, 1; colored, 1; total, 10. Confirmations, 15. Marriages, white, 9. Funerals, white, 11; colored, 2; total, 13.

Sunday school, 1; teachers, 20; scholars, 110. Families, 65. Contributions, \$450.

REMARKS.—Within the year past, the church has been enlarged, a tower erected, and certain repairs are now going on; and although we have lost, by death, some of our oldest and most effective members, there has been an unusual and most gratifying degree of religious interest pervading the congregation, by which in numbers at least, their place has been supplied.

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### WHEELING.

*St. Matthew's Parish, St. Matthew's Church.*

Rev. E. T. PERKINS, Rector.

Communicants—added, white, 25; colored, 2; removed, 8; died, 6; present number, white, 171; colored, 3; total, 174. Baptisms—white, adults, 1; infants, 29; colored, adults, 1; total, 31. Confirmed, white, 17; colored, 1; total, 18. Funerals, white, 22; colored, 2; total, 24. Sunday schools—teachers, 28; scholars, 200. Families, 120. Contributions for Church purposes—domestic missions, \$50; foreign missions, \$106 03; Diocesan missions, \$128; communion alms, \$164 12; general contributions, \$1,202 23.

REMARKS.—In the amount of general contributions is included about \$800 dollars raised by some of the ladies of the congregation toward paying for the parsonage recently purchased by them.

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### ALEXANDRIA.

*Fairfax Parish, Christ Church.*

Rev. CHARLES B. DANA, Rector.

Communicants—added, 11; removed, 6; died, 3; present number 134; of whom 6 are colored. Baptisms—adults, white, 4; infants, white, 14; colored, 2; total, 20. Confirmed, 14. Marriages—white, 4; colored, 2; total, 6. Funerals, 17. Number

of families about 85. Sunday school—teachers, 20; scholars, 150. Contributions: for Missions—foreign, \$500; domestic, \$75; Diocesan, \$100; to feeble churches in this and in other dioceses, \$270; enlarging Theological Seminary Chapel, \$780; Female Benevolent Society, \$188; communion alms, \$90; Sunday school, \$80; Virginia Colonization Society, \$60; Bible Society, \$60; Convention fund, \$128; other objects, (including sufferers at Norfolk, Education, Evangelical Knowledge, and Tract Societies,) \$175; total amount of contributions, \$2,506.

REMARKS.—This Parish may be regarded as in a prosperous condition. The attendance on the services of the Church on Sundays and during the week is generally good. The Sunday school, including two large Bible classes, is well attended; and the contributions to promote the cause of Christian benevolence and the Church, have been much larger than in any previous year.

#### REPORT OF REV. J. H. KEHLER.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

Having no Parish in this Diocese, I have but little to report. Baptized 3 white infants, and officiated at 2 funerals, 1 white and 1 colored. In his absence, I officiate for my Rev. Brother Dr. Andrews, and when not attending to my own appointments, in Maryland, I assist in the service at Shepherdstown.

*Shepherdstown, Va., May 14, 1856.\**

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

In accordance with the requirements of the Church, I now forward to you my annual report. Though I had resigned the charge of the church in Suffolk previously to the meeting of the last Convention, yet I continued to preach there regularly once every month down to the last of July. On the remaining Sundays I was occupied in instructing in my own family, a Bible class of more than thirty young ladies, and in rendering such assistance to the rectors of the two churches here and in Portsmouth, as circumstances called for. From the 1st

of December last down to the 20th of April I had charge of St. Paul's Church, in this City, rendered vacant by the death of our lamented brother Jackson, whom it was my sad lot, in conjunction with brother Walke, to bury on t' e 4th of October last, by the side of three loved members of my own family, whom he had repeatedly visited during their illness, and for whom he had performed the same melancholy service. Whatever official duties I have performed during the year are recorded in the register of St. Paul's Church, and are included in the report which will be rendered to the Convention by the Rev. N. A. Okeson, who is now the Rector of that church.

ARISTIDES S. SMITH,

*Principal of the Norfolk Female Institute.*

*Norfolk, May 18, 1856.*

#### REPORT OF REV. E. R. LIPPITT.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

At the close of July, I commenced a service on Sunday mornings at the Missionary Chapel, West End, Alexandria, and continued the same until the second Sunday in December. In addition to which I have preached eight times, and have repeatedly read prayers and assisted in the administration of the holy communion. I have also baptized two infants, (colored) and officiated at two funerals.

*May 19, 1856.*

#### REPORT OF REV. R. H. PHILLIPS.

*To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia:*

Rev. R. H. PHILLIPS reports to the Bishops, that his labors during the past year have been mainly confined to his duties as Principal of our Diocesan Female School—the Virginia Female Institute—at Staunton. It affords cordial pleasure to report the continued prosperity and success of the Institution, and the belief that, under God, it will prove a most important auxiliary to the other efforts of the Church in the Diocese. One hundred and eighteen pupils, under the care of nine teaches, have been

connected with the School during the present year, among whom there are twelve communicants. The debt, which has so long hindered the operations of the Institution, having been paid, the Trustees will now have the means to make some necessary improvements, much needed, to increase the efficiency of the School.

*Staunton, Va., May, 1856.*

## APPENDIX NO. II.

### *The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

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| 1855.                                                                                                                                  |            |
| May 12. By balance in the hands of Treasurer, and reported to Convention, - - - -                                                      | \$1,461 26 |
| By cash received of Rev. J. Grammer the following contributions, viz:                                                                  |            |
| Mrs. M. W. Garnett, of Halifax, - - -                                                                                                  | \$2 50     |
| Mr. R. A. Merrill, " - - -                                                                                                             | 2 00       |
| Mrs. M. M. Sydnor, " - - -                                                                                                             | 2 00       |
| Mr. Rich'd Logan, " - - -                                                                                                              | 5 00       |
| Mrs. Eliza Bruce's legacy, " - - -                                                                                                     | 50 00      |
| Mr. J. S. Lewellen, " - - -                                                                                                            | 3 50       |
| Mrs. Mary Baily, " - - -                                                                                                               | 12 50      |
| Mrs. Mary J. Smith, " - - -                                                                                                            | 1 50       |
| Mrs. M. C. Grammer, " - - -                                                                                                            | 3 00       |
| Rev. J. Grammer, " - - -                                                                                                               | 10 00      |
| Mrs. S. A. Leigh, " - - -                                                                                                              | 1 00       |
| Mr. D. Cosby, " - - -                                                                                                                  | 5 00       |
| Miss Rebecca Mar and Eliza Leigh, Halifax, -                                                                                           | 3 00       |
| Mrs. E. A. Clark, " - - -                                                                                                              | 10 00      |
| Mrs. Nannie C. Bruce, " - - -                                                                                                          | 3 75       |
| Mr. T. G. Coleman, " - - -                                                                                                             | 10 00      |
| Mrs. Phoebe Holt, " - - -                                                                                                              | 1 95       |
| Mrs. Catherine S. Early, " - - -                                                                                                       | 1 00       |
| Col. C. H. Cabaniss, " - - -                                                                                                           | 2 00       |
| Miss M. L. Spears, " - - -                                                                                                             | 2 50       |
| Mrs. S. Faulkner, " - - -                                                                                                              | 2 75       |
|                                                                                                                                        | 134 75     |
| 14. By cash from a member of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per Rev. Mr. Johnston and Mr. J. Entwisle, - - -                           | 10 00      |
| 21. By cash received of Jno. W. Atkinson, Treasurer <i>pro tem.</i> , for the following sums paid during Convention at Lexington, viz: |            |
| Christ's Church, Alexandria, per Rev. Mr. Dana, - - -                                                                                  | \$60 00    |
| Ladies' Missionary Society of said Church, per Rev. Mr. Dana, - - -                                                                    | 100 00     |
| St. Thomas' Church, Abingdon, per Bishop Johns, - - -                                                                                  | 20 00      |
| St. James' Church, Leesburg, - - -                                                                                                     | 10 00      |
| Mr. Thomas Nelson, of Hanover, - - -                                                                                                   | 3 00       |
| Mrs. E. K. Claytor, of Lynchburg, per S. W. Shelton, - - -                                                                             | 5 00       |
|                                                                                                                                        | 198 00     |
| Amount carried forward, - - -                                                                                                          | \$1,606 01 |

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| 1855.    | Amount brought forward,                                                                                                    | - | - | - | \$1,606 01 |
| May 21.  | By Mr. Ed. Tarry, Sr., \$3, Mrs. E. B. Bains,<br>50 cts., of St. Luke's Church, Mecklenburg,<br>per Rev. Mr. Rodman,       | - | - | - | 3 50       |
|          | Vauter's Church, Essex county, per Rev. E.<br>B. McGwire,                                                                  | - | - | - | 17 87      |
|          | Bloomfield Parish, by Rev. Mr. Leavell,                                                                                    | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|          | St. John's Church Parish,                                                                                                  | - | - | - | 6 75       |
|          | By Bruton Parish, Williamsburg,                                                                                            | - | - | - | 5 00       |
|          | Ladies' Sewing Society, Grace Church, Cum-<br>berland,                                                                     | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|          | St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, by Bishop Johns,                                                                               | - | - | - | 45 00      |
|          | J. R., of Hanover,                                                                                                         | - | - | - | 2 50       |
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| 23.      | By cash from an anonymous friend in Amelia<br>county, for churches west of the Mountains,                                  | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| June 25. | By cash from L. M. B., Powhatan C. House,                                                                                  | - | - | - | 2 50       |
| July 2.  | By cash received of Bishop Johns per his collec-<br>tions, as follows, viz:                                                |   |   |   |            |
|          | King George Court House,                                                                                                   | - | - | - | \$15 00    |
|          | St. Paul's Church, King George,                                                                                            | - | - | - | 30 00      |
|          | Oak Grove,                                                                                                                 | - | - | - | 7 69       |
|          | St. James', Westmoreland C. House,                                                                                         | - | - | - | 2 98       |
|          | Yeocomico,                                                                                                                 | - | - | - | 15 00      |
|          | Richmond Court House,                                                                                                      | - | - | - | 12 00      |
|          | White Chapel,                                                                                                              | - | - | - | 10 00      |
|          | Christ's Church, Lancaster,                                                                                                | - | - | - | 5 88       |
|          | Christ's Church, Middlesex,                                                                                                | - | - | - | 22 00      |
|          | St. James' Church, Tappahannock,                                                                                           | - | - | - | 30 37      |
|          | Vauter's,                                                                                                                  | - | - | - | 9 15       |
|          | Port Royal,                                                                                                                | - | - | - | 18 63      |
|          | Mr. James Kelly,                                                                                                           | - | - | - | 2 00       |
|          | Mr. Ro. Montgomery,                                                                                                        | - | - | - | 1 00       |
|          | Mr. Warner Lewis,                                                                                                          | - | - | - | 5 00       |
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| 14.      | By cash of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, col-<br>lections held by Bishop Johns, 8th inst.,                                | - | - | - | 57 47      |
| 21.      | By cash of a friend in Amelia county,                                                                                      | - | - | - | 2 50       |
| 26.      | By cash of St. James' Church, Warrenton, per<br>Bishop Johns, being his collection in that<br>Church on Sunday, 22d inst., | - | - | - | 35 15      |
| Sep. 22. | By cash of P. St. George Ambler, of Amherst<br>county, per Rev. T. F. Martin,                                              | - | - | - | 6 00       |
| 24.      | By cash of St. James' Church, Brentsville, per<br>Rev. Jno. Towles and Bishop Johns,                                       | - | - | - | 11 85      |
| "        | By cash from Haymarket, St. Paul's Church,<br>through the same,                                                            | - | - | - | 5 15       |
| Oct. 8.  | By cash of Dr. L. Faulkner, of Halifax C. House,<br>Virginia, through the Rev. J. Grammer,                                 | - | - | - | 5 00       |
| 11.      | By cash from interest on Mrs. Ball's trust fund,<br>through Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                            | - | - | - | 14 00      |
| 18.      | By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, by F.<br>Bransford, Esq.,                                                          | - | - | - | 76 00      |
| 22.      | By cash from St. John's Church, Richmond, per<br>Rev. Mr. Keppler, being collection by Bishop<br>Johns, Sunday, 21st,      | - | - | - | 17 56      |
| 23.      | By cash from St. James' Church, Leesburg, Va.,<br>through Dr. T. H. Clagett, being Bishop<br>John's collection,            | - | - | - | 24 79      |
| Nov. 1.  | By cash from Grace Church, Petersburg, per Rev.<br>C. J. Gibson,                                                           | - | - | - | 40 00      |
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|          | Amount carried forward,                                                                                                    | - | - | - | \$2,389 30 |

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| 1855.    | Amount brought forward,                                                                                                        | - - - | \$2,389 30 |
| Nov. 20. | By cash received of Bishop Johns per his collections, viz:                                                                     |       |            |
|          | Leed's Parish, Fauquier county,                                                                                                | - - - | \$24 50    |
|          | Additional from same,                                                                                                          | - - - | 5 00       |
|          | Christ's Church, Meherrin Parish,                                                                                              | - - - | 14 45      |
|          | Mr. E. Ruffin, Merchants' Hope,                                                                                                | - - - | 20 00      |
|          | Trinity Church, Matthews county,                                                                                               | - - - | 10 00      |
|          | St. Paul's Essex,                                                                                                              | - - - | 37 64      |
|          | Donation from a child, Essex,                                                                                                  | - - - | 1 00       |
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|          |                                                                                                                                |       | 112 59     |
| 29.      | By cash from Ware Church, Gloucester, per Rev. C. Mann, being proceeds of collection 25th inst., after notice by Bishop Johns, | - - - | 16 06      |
| Dec. 8.  | By Trinity Church, Matthews county, per Rev. G. S. Carraway,                                                                   | - - - | 7 50       |
|          | A thank offering from Mr. R., per Rev. G. S. Carraway,                                                                         | - - - | 5 00       |
|          | A contribution by Mr. R., per Rev. G. S. Carraway,                                                                             | - - - | 2 50       |
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| 1856.    |                                                                                                                                |       |            |
| Jan. 11. | By cash of Bishop Johns' collection at St. Andrew's Church, Lawrenceville,                                                     | - - - | 4 00       |
|          | Less discount per uncurrent note,                                                                                              | - - - | 06         |
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| 14.      | By cash from an unknown friend in Amelia, for Western part of the State,                                                       | - - - | 2 50       |
| 15.      | By cash from St. Luke's Church, Powhatan, per Rev. Mr. Fisher,                                                                 | - - - | 23 00      |
| 21.      | By cash, donation of Wm. Yates Downman, Esq., per Rev. E. Withers,                                                             | - - - | 100 00     |
| 24.      | By cash of St. James' Church, Richmond, per F. Bransford, Esq.,                                                                | - - - | 24 00      |
| 30.      | By cash from a member of the Monumental Church, per hands of Rev. George Woodbridge,                                           | - - - | 20 00      |
| "        | By cash from Mrs. M. B. Wyatt, of Meherrin Parish, Greenville county, per Rev. Geo. Woodbridge,                                | - - - | 1 00       |
| Feb. 13. | By cash from St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                                      | - - - | 13 22      |
|          | By interest on Mrs. Ball's trust fund, per Rev. E. C. McGuire,                                                                 | - - - | 13 13      |
| 23.      | By cash from Merchants' Hope Church, per Bishop Johns,                                                                         | - - - | 8 66       |
|          | By cash from Brandon Church, per Bishop Johns,                                                                                 | - - - | 26 34      |
|          |                                                                                                                                |       | <hr/>      |
|          |                                                                                                                                |       | 35 00      |
| Mar. 4.  | By cash from St. James' Church, Leesburg, per Dr. T. H. Clagett,                                                               | - - - | 13 53      |
| 29.      | By cash from St. Paul's Church, South Farnham Parish, Essex, for missions in Western Virginia, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq.,        | - - - | 23 83      |
| 31.      | By cash from St. Paul's Church, Richmond, per W. H. Hubbard, Esq.,                                                             | - - - | 70 19      |
| April 1. | By donation from Mr. Macfarland,                                                                                               | - - - | 10 00      |
|          | " " " Dr. Cunningham,                                                                                                          | - - - | 5 00       |
|          | " " " T. R. Price,                                                                                                             | - - - | 5 00       |
|          | " " " Mrs. John M. Patton,                                                                                                     | - - - | 2 00       |
|          | By donation from S. P. Mitchell, Esq.,                                                                                         | - - - | 15 00      |
|          |                                                                                                                                |       | <hr/>      |
|          |                                                                                                                                |       | 37 00      |
|          | Amount carried forward,                                                                                                        | - - - | \$2,913 29 |



|          |                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |                   |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------|
| 1856.    | Amount brought forward,                                                                | - | - | - | - | \$2,913 29        |
| Ap'l 14. | By St. James' Church, Richmond, by F. Bransford, Esq.,                                 | - | - | - | - | 56 48             |
|          | By St. Andrew's Parish, Brunswick county, per Rev. Mr. Mower,                          | - | - | - | - | 6 36              |
|          | By Monumental Church, Richmond, by G. D. Fisher, Esq.,                                 | - | - | - | - | 32 50             |
| 19.      | Christ's Church, Charlottesville, per Rev. R. K. Meade, Bishop Johns' collection,      | - | - | - | - | 60 00             |
| 29.      | By Grace Church, Alexandria, per C. R. Hooff, Esq.,                                    | - | - | - | - | 14 47             |
| May 12.  | By St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, per J. Entwisle, Esq.,                               | - | - | - | - | 53 48             |
| 13.      | By Raleigh and Genito Parishes, Amelia and Powhatan counties, per Rev. P. F. Berkeley, | - | - | - | - | 21 25             |
|          | St. John's Parish, Marshall county, per Rev. G. K. Warner,                             | - | - | - | - | 30 00             |
|          |                                                                                        |   |   |   |   | <u>\$3,187 83</u> |
| 1856.    |                                                                                        |   |   |   |   |                   |
| May 20.  | By balancee due the Society in the hands of the Treasurer,                             | - | - | - | - | <u>\$1,273 73</u> |

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer*.

In addition to the vouchers sustaining the foregoing account will be found herewith two receipts from the Rev. R. A. Castleman. These latter are called for by the Committee of Examination on my account of last year. They are now presented in due order. I could not obtain them in time for last year's account. Mr. Castleman's letter accompanying them will more fully explain.

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer*.

*The Diocesan Missionary Society of Virginia, in account with  
John L. Bacon, Treasurer.*

| 1855.    |                                                                     |       | Dr.               |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| May 31.  | To cash paid Rev. S. D. Tompkins,                                   | - - - | \$80 00           |
| June 6.  | " " " " A. B. Tizzard,                                              | - - - | 50 00             |
| July 10. | " " " " W. L. Hyland's draft,                                       | - - - | 75 00             |
| 11.      | " " " " R. T. Brown's,                                              | - - - | 50 00             |
|          | " " " discount on uncurrent money,                                  | - - - | 10                |
| 13.      | " " " for check book,                                               | - - - | 1 50              |
| 16.      | " " " Rev. J. C. McCabe,                                            | - - - | 50 00             |
| Aug. 9.  | " " " Wm. N. Pendleton,                                             | - - - | 100 00            |
| Sep. 18. | " " " S. D. Tompkins,                                               | - - - | 50 00             |
| 22.      | " " " J. C. Wheat, one year's salary, due him the<br>1st instant,   | - - - | 100 00            |
| 22.      | " " remitted Rev. R. A. Castleman for one quarter's<br>salary,      | - - - | 50 00             |
| 26.      | " " paid Rev. W. L. Hyland's draft,                                 | - - - | 40 00             |
| 28.      | " " " " A. B. Tizzard,                                              | - - - | 50 00             |
| Oct. 3.  | " " " " J. C. McCabe,                                               | - - - | 50 00             |
| 5.       | " " remitted Rev. Lewis Walke, Norfolk, for Missionary<br>services, | - - - | 100 00            |
| Nov. 26. | " " paid Rev. S. D. Tompkins,                                       | - - - | 70 00             |
| 27.      | " " remitted Rev. W. T. Leavell,                                    | - - - | 37 50             |
| Dec. 8.  | " " paid Rev. R. A. Castleman's draft,                              | - - - | 50 00             |
| 29.      | " " " R. H. Coleman for Thos. G. Addison, Bowling<br>Green,         | - - - | 50 00             |
| 31.      | " " paid Dr. C. Colton, 1st and 2d quarter,                         | - - - | 112 50            |
| 1856.    |                                                                     |       |                   |
| Jan. 12. | " " " Rev. W. L. Hyland's draft,                                    | - - - | 35 00             |
| 17.      | " " " " J. C. McCabe 1st quarter,                                   | - - - | 50 00             |
| 25.      | " " " " R. T. Brown's draft,                                        | - - - | 50 00             |
| 28.      | " " " " " " " " " " " "                                             | - - - | 65 00             |
| Feb. 20. | " " " " " " " " " " " "                                             | - - - | 35 00             |
| Mar. 8.  | " " " " T. G. Addison,                                              | - - - | 25 00             |
| 19.      | " " " " R. A. Castleman,                                            | - - - | 50 00             |
| Ap'l 8.  | " " " " " " " " " " " "                                             | - - - | 50 00             |
| 1.       | " " " " W. E. Webb,                                                 | - - - | 150 00            |
| 10.      | " " " " Wm. N. Pendleton,                                           | - - - | 50 00             |
|          | " " remitted Rev. A. B. Tizzard,                                    | - - - | 50 00             |
|          | " " " " W. T. Leavell,                                              | - - - | 37 50             |
|          | " " paid Rev. J. C. McCabe's draft,                                 | - - - | 50 00             |
| May 7.   | " " " " R. T. Brown's draft.                                        | - - - | 50 00             |
| 20.      | " " Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,                          | - - - | 1,273 73          |
|          |                                                                     |       | <u>\$3,187 83</u> |

JOHN L. BACON, *Treasurer.*

*Richmond, May 18, 1856.*

## APPENDIX NO. III.

### [A]

*Sums paid to the Diocesan or Contingent fund for 1856, being  
in full of amounts due.*

| Counties.                         | Parishes.            | Churches.              | Dolls. Cts. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Albemarle.....                    | Fredericksville..... | Christ.....            | \$93 00     |
| Albemarle.....                    | St. Ann's.....       | Christ.....            | 36 00       |
| Amelia.....                       | Raleigh.....         | Grubb Hill.....        | 33 00       |
| Amherst.....                      | Lexington.....       | St. Luke's.....        | } 6 00      |
| Amherst.....                      | Lexington.....       | Ascension.....         |             |
| Alexandria.....                   | Fairfax.....         | Christ.....            | 128 00      |
| Alexandria.....                   | Fairfax.....         | St. Paul's.....        | 154 00      |
| Alexandria.....                   | Fairfax.....         | Grace.....             | 16 00       |
| Bedford.....                      | Russel.....          | Trinity.....           | 25 00       |
| Bedford.....                      | Heber.....           | St. John's.....        | 42 00       |
| Bedford.....                      | Hamner.....          | St. Stephen's.....     | 41 00       |
| Botetourt.....                    | Botetourt.....       | St. Mark's.....        | 32 00       |
| Botetourt.....                    | Woodville.....       | Trinity.....           | 46 00       |
| Buckingham.....                   | Tillotson.....       | St. Peter's.....       | 28 00       |
| Campbell.....                     | Lynchburg.....       | St. Paul's.....        | 167 00      |
| Caroline.....                     | St. Margaret's.....  | St. Margaret's.....    | 29 00       |
| Caroline.....                     | St. Mary's.....      | St. Peter's.....       | 37 00       |
| Caroline.....                     | St. Mary's.....      | Grace.....             | 21 00       |
| Caroline.....                     | St. Mary's.....      | Bowling Green.....     | 2 00        |
| Charles City.....                 | Westover.....        |                        | 44 00       |
| Charlotte.....                    | Cornwall.....        | Roanoke.....           | 13 00       |
| Clarke.....                       | Clarke.....          | Grace.....             | 93 00       |
| Clarke.....                       | Wickliffe.....       | Wickliffe.....         | 21 40       |
| Culpeper.....                     | St. Mark's.....      | St. Stephen's.....     | 37 00       |
| Culpeper.....                     | St. Mark's.....      | St. James'.....        | 22 00       |
| Culpeper.....                     | St. Mark's.....      | St. Paul's.....        | 18 00       |
| Cumberland.....                   | Littleton.....       | Grace.....             | 20 00       |
| Cumberland.....                   | Leighton.....        | St. James'.....        | 16 00       |
| Elizabeth City.....               | Elizabeth City.....  | St. John's.....        | 55 00       |
| Elizabeth City.....               | Elizabeth City.....  | Centurion.....         | 20 00       |
| Essex.....                        | St. Anne's.....      | Vauter's.....          | 23 00       |
| Essex.....                        | South Farnham.....   | St. Paul's.....        | } 73 45     |
| Essex.....                        | South Farnham.....   | St. John's.....        |             |
| Fauquier.....                     | Hamilton.....        | St. James'.....        | 65 00       |
| Fauquier.....                     | Leeds.....           | Leeds.....             | 32 00       |
| Fauquier.....                     | Meade.....           | Trinity.....           | 14 00       |
| Fauquier.....                     | Piedmont.....        | Trinity and Grace..... | 30 00       |
| Fluvanna.....                     | Rivanna.....         | St. John's.....        | 19 00       |
| Franklin.....                     | Franklin.....        | At Court House.....    | 10 00       |
| Frederick.....                    | Frederick.....       | Christ.....            | 111 00      |
| Frederick.....                    | Frederick.....       | St. Thomas'.....       | 11 00       |
| Amount carried forward, - - - - - |                      |                        | \$1,687 45  |

|                                   |                        |                         |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Amount brought forward, - - - - - |                        |                         | \$1,687 45 |
| Gloucester.....                   | Abingdon.....          | Abingdon.....           | } 51 00    |
| Gloucester.....                   | Ware.....              | Ware.....               |            |
| Goochland.....                    | St. James', Northam... | St. Paul's.....         | } 32 00    |
| Goochland.....                    | St. James', Northam... | Beverdam.....           |            |
| Greensville.....                  | Meherrin.....          | Grace.....              | } 29 00    |
| Greensville.....                  | Meherrin.....          | Christ.....             |            |
| Halifax.....                      | Antrim.....            | St. John's.....         | 88 00      |
| Halifax.....                      | Roanoke.....           | Christ.....             | 18 20      |
| Hanover.....                      | St. Martin's.....      | Fork and Trinity.....   | 52 00      |
| Hanover.....                      | St. Paul's.....        | Immanuel.....           | 26 00      |
| Hanover.....                      | St. Paul's.....        | St. Paul's.....         | 8 00       |
| Harrison.....                     | Clarksburg.....        | Bethel.....             | 12 00      |
| Henrico.....                      | Henrico.....           | St. John's.....         | 76 00      |
| Henrico.....                      | Henrico.....           | Monumental.....         | 168 00     |
| Henrico.....                      | Henrico.....           | St. Paul's.....         | 202 00     |
| Henrico.....                      | Henrico.....           | St. James'.....         | 204 00     |
| Isle of Wight.....                | Newport.....           | Christ.....             | 31 00      |
| Jackson.....                      | Ravenswood.....        | Grace.....              | 17 00      |
| James City.....                   | Bruton.....            |                         | 74 00      |
| Jefferson.....                    | St. Andrew's.....      | Zion.....               | 90 00      |
| Kanawha.....                      | Kanawha.....           | St. John's.....         | 34 00      |
| Kanawha.....                      | Kanawha.....           | St. Luke's.....         | 14 00      |
| King George.....                  | Brunswick.....         | Lamb's Creek.....       | 8 00       |
| King George.....                  | St. Paul's.....        | St. Paul's.....         | 37 00      |
| King George.....                  | Hanover.....           | St. John's.....         | 20 00      |
| Lancaster.....                    | Christ Church.....     | Christ.....             | } 36 00    |
| Lancaster.....                    | Christ Church.....     | White Chapel.....       |            |
| Loudoun.....                      | Shelbourne.....        | St. James'.....         | 77 00      |
| Loudoun.....                      | John's.....            | Emanuel.....            | 25 00      |
| Louisa.....                       | Green Spring.....      | St. John's.....         | 16 00      |
| Louisa.....                       | Trinity.....           | Trinity.....            | 5 00       |
| Lunenburg.....                    | Cumberland.....        | St. John's.....         | } 43 00    |
| Lunenburg.....                    | Cumberland.....        | St. Paul's.....         |            |
| Madison.....                      | Bloomfield.....        | Piedmont.....           | } 18 00    |
| Madison.....                      | Bloomfield.....        | Trinity.....            |            |
| Matthews.....                     | Kingston.....          | Christ and Trinity..... | 18 00      |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....        | St. Luke's.....         | } 26 00    |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....        | St. Timothy's.....      |            |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....        | Old Church.....         |            |
| Middlesex.....                    | Christ Church.....     | Christ.....             | 6 00       |
| Nansemond.....                    | Suffolk.....           | St. Paul's.....         | 20 00      |
| Nelson.....                       | Nelson.....            | Trinity.....            | } 30 00    |
| Nelson.....                       | Nelson.....            | Christ.....             |            |
| New Kent.....                     | St. Peter's.....       | St. Peter's.....        | 21 00      |
| Norfolk.....                      | Elizabeth River.....   | Christ.....             | 403 00     |
| Norfolk.....                      | Elizabeth River.....   | St. Paul's.....         | 170 00     |
| Norfolk.....                      | Portsmouth.....        | Trinity.....            | 67 00      |
| Norfolk.....                      | Portsmouth.....        | St. John's.....         | 39 00      |
| Northampton.....                  | Hungar's.....          | Hungar's.....           | 56 00      |
| Orange.....                       | St. Thomas.....        | St. Thomas.....         | 84 00      |
| Petersburg.....                   | Bristol.....           | St. Paul's.....         | 184 00     |
| Pittsylvania.....                 | Camden.....            | Epiphany.....           | 32 00      |
| Pittsylvania.....                 | Camden.....            | Emanuel.....            | 16 00      |
| Powhatan.....                     | Genito.....            | Grace.....              | 22 90      |
| Powhatan.....                     | Powhatan.....          | St. Luke's.....         | 27 00      |
| Powhatan.....                     | St. James', Southam... | Immanuel.....           | 15 00      |
| Powhatan.....                     | King William.....      | Manakin Town.....       | } 27 00    |
| Chesterfield.....                 | Dale.....              | Trinity.....            |            |
| Princess Anne.....                | Ly nhaven.....         | Chapel.....             | } 25 00    |
| Princess Anne.....                | Lynnhaven.....         | Emanuel.....            |            |

Amount carried forward, - - - - - \$3,488 75

|                         |                         |                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Amount brought forward, | -                       | -                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$3,488 75        |
| Prince George.....      | Martin's Brandon.....   | Merchant's Hope..... |   |   |   |   |   |   | 31 00             |
| Prince George.....      | Martin's Brandon.....   | Brandon .....        |   |   |   |   |   |   | 20 00             |
| Rappahannock.....       | Bloomfield .....        | St. Paul's.....      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 8 00              |
| Roanoke.....            | Salem.....              | St. John's.....      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 23 00             |
| Rockingham.....         | Rockingham.....         | Port Republic.....   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 10 00             |
| Spottsylvania.....      | St. George's.....       | St. George's.....    |   |   |   |   |   |   | 140 00            |
| Spottsylvania.....      | Berkeley.....           | Christ.....          |   |   |   |   |   |   | 19 00             |
| Spottsylvania .....     | Berkeley.....           | St. John's.....      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 13 00             |
| Stafford.....           | Overwharton.....        | Aquia.....           |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9 00              |
| Surry.....              | Southwark.....          | Lower Surry.....     |   |   |   |   |   |   | 24 00             |
| Westmoreland.....       | Washington.....         | St. Peter's.....     |   |   |   |   |   |   | 21 00             |
| Westmoreland.....       | Montross.....           | St. James'.....      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9 00              |
| Montgomery.....         | Mrs. Preston, Sr. ....  |                      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 00              |
| Montgomery.....         | Mrs. W. B. Preston..... |                      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 00              |
| From a Lady.....        |                         |                      |   |   |   |   |   |   | 50                |
| Total.....              |                         |                      |   |   |   |   |   |   | <u>\$4,866 55</u> |

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

\* This sum was paid after the report of the Finance Committee went to press, the amount should be deducted from the amount of deficiency reported, leaving the deficiency \$390 00, instead of \$798 00.

## APPENDIX NO. IV.

### [B]

#### *Partial Payments to the Diocesan or Contingent Fund for 1856.*

| Counties.            | Parishes.             | Churches.                    | Dolls. | Cts. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------|------|
| Accomac .....        | St. James' .....      | St. James' .....             | \$24   | 00   |
| Accomac .....        | St. George's .....    | St. George's .....           | 7      | 00   |
| Albemarle .....      | Fredericksville ..... | St. Paul's .....             | 20     | 00   |
| Albemarle .....      | Walker's .....        | Grace .....                  | 28     | 00   |
| Augusta .....        | Augusta .....         | Boyden Chapel .....          | 7      | 00   |
| Augusta .....        | Augusta .....         | Trinity .....                | 100    | 00   |
| Bedford .....        | West Russell .....    | St. Thomas' .....            | 14     | 00   |
| Berkeley .....       | Norborne .....        | Mt. Zion .....               | 27     | 68   |
| Berkeley .....       | Norborne .....        | Trinity .....                | 34     | 33   |
| Brunswick .....      | St. Andrew's .....    | St. Andrew's .....           | 47     | 00   |
| Campbell .....       | Moore .....           | St. John's and Trinity ..... | 23     | 00   |
| Clarke .....         | Frederick .....       | Christ .....                 | 65     | 00   |
| Dinwiddie .....      | Bath .....            | Saphony .....                | 14     | 25   |
| Fairfax .....        | Truro .....           | Zion .....                   | 20     | 00   |
| Fairfax .....        | Truro .....           | St. John's .....             |        |      |
| Fairfax .....        | Fairfax .....         | Falls .....                  |        |      |
| Henry .....          | Patrick .....         | Christ .....                 | 19     | 00   |
| Jefferson .....      | St. Andrew's .....    | Trinity .....                | 40     | 00   |
| Jefferson .....      | St. Andrew's .....    | Grace .....                  | 26     | 00   |
| Jefferson .....      | St. Andrew's .....    | St. Bartholomew's .....      |        |      |
| Berkeley .....       | Norborne .....        | Christ .....                 |        |      |
| Kanawha .....        | St. Mark's .....      | St. Mark's .....             | 3      | 00   |
| Lewis .....          | .....                 | St. Paul's .....             | 6      | 00   |
| Ohio .....           | Wheeling .....        | St. Matthew's .....          | 163    | 00   |
| Petersburg .....     | Bristol .....         | Grace .....                  | 107    | 50   |
| Prince William ..... | Dettingen .....       | St. James' .....             | 26     | 00   |
| Prince William ..... | Leeds .....           | St. Paul's .....             | 17     | 00   |
| Richmond .....       | Lunenburg .....       | .....                        | 14     | 00   |
| Rockbridge .....     | Latimer .....         | Grace .....                  | 55     | 00   |
| Westmoreland .....   | Cople .....           | Nominy, Yeocomico .....      | 23     | 00   |
| Wood .....           | Trinity .....         | Parkersburg .....            | 4      | 00   |
| Total .....          |                       |                              | \$934  | 76   |

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

## APPENDIX NO. V.

[C]

*Sums paid on arrearages to the Diocesan or Contingent Fund  
for 1854, and 1855.*

| Counties.          | Parishes.             | Churches.                 | Dolla. Cts. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Brunswick.....     | St. Andrew's.....     | St. Andrew's.....         | \$41 00     |
| Culpeper.....      | St. Mark's.....       | St. Stephen's.....        | 26 00       |
| Gloucester.....    | Abingdon and Ware.... | Abingdon and Ware...      | 8 00        |
| Isle of Wight..... | Newport.....          | Christ.....               | 58 00       |
| Kanawha.....       | Kanawha.....          | St. Luke's.....           | 8 00        |
| Lunenburg.....     | Cumberland.....       | St. John's and St. Paul's | 6 00        |
| Mecklenburg.....   | St. Luke's.....       | St. Timothy, St. Luke's   |             |
|                    |                       | and Old Church.....       | 4 00        |
| Prince George..... | Martin's Brandon..... | Brandon.....              | 10 00       |
| Pittsylvania.....  | Camden.....           | Emanuel.....              | 18 00       |
| Total.....         |                       |                           | \$179 00    |

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

## APPENDIX NO. VI.

### [D]

*A list of the Parishes and Churches remaining Delinquent to the Diocesan or Contingent Fund of 1854, 1855 and 1856, with the sums in arrears from each.*

| Counties.                         | Parishes.                 | Churches.                                    | Dolla. Cts. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Accomac .....                     | St. Geo's and St. James'  | St. James', St. Geo.'s, and St. Michael's... | \$105 00    |
| Albemarle .....                   | Fredericksville .....     | St. Paul's & Buck Mountain .....             | 52 00       |
| Albemarle .....                   | St. Anne's .....          | Trinity and North Garden .....               | 40 00       |
| Albemarle .....                   | Walker's .....            | Grace .....                                  | 40 00       |
| Augusta .....                     | Augusta .....             | Trinity .....                                | 5 00        |
| Augusta .....                     | Augusta .....             | Boyden Chapel .....                          | 20 00       |
| Amherst .....                     | Lexington .....           | St. Luke's .....                             | 5 00        |
| Bedford .....                     | West Russell .....        | St. Thomas' .....                            | 15 00       |
| Berkeley .....                    | Norborne .....            | Zion .....                                   | 163 32      |
| Berkeley .....                    | Norborne .....            | Trinity .....                                | 30 67       |
| Berkeley .....                    | Norborne .....            | Calvary .....                                | 10 00       |
| Brooke .....                      | Christ Church .....       | Christ .....                                 | 65 00       |
| Brooke .....                      | St. John's .....          | St. John's .....                             | 126 00      |
| Brunswick .....                   | St. Andrew's .....        | St. Andrew's .....                           | 2 00        |
| Campbell .....                    | Moore .....               | St. John's and Trinity .....                 | 3 00        |
| Caroline .....                    | St. Margaret's .....      | St. Margaret's .....                         | 33 00       |
| Clarke .....                      | Frederick .....           | Christ .....                                 | 1 00        |
| Culpeper .....                    | St. Mark's .....          | St. Stephen's .....                          | 14 00       |
| Dinwiddie .....                   | Bath .....                | Sapony .....                                 | 22 00       |
| Dinwiddie .....                   | Bath .....                | Calvary .....                                | 8 00        |
| Fairfax .....                     | Fairfax .....             | Falls .....                                  | } 43 00     |
| Fairfax .....                     | Truro .....               | Zion .....                                   |             |
| Fairfax .....                     | Truro .....               | St. John's .....                             | } 8 00      |
| Fauquier .....                    | Cedar Run .....           | St. Stephen's .....                          |             |
| Goochland .....                   | St. James', Northam ..... | St. Paul's & Bev. Dam. .....                 | 60 00       |
| Halifax .....                     | Roanoke .....             | Catawba* .....                               | 00 00       |
| Hampshire .....                   | Hampshire .....           | St. Paul's* .....                            | 00 00       |
| Hampshire .....                   | Hampshire .....           | Frankfort* .....                             | 00 00       |
| Hampshire .....                   | Hampshire .....           | Zion* .....                                  | 00 00       |
| Harrison .....                    | Clarksburg .....          | Bethel .....                                 | 22 00       |
| Henrico .....                     | Henrico .....             | Christ .....                                 | 60 00       |
| Henry .....                       | Patrick .....             | Christ .....                                 | 1 00        |
| Jefferson .....                   | St. Andrew's .....        | Trinity .....                                | 53 00       |
| Jefferson .....                   | St. Andrew's .....        | St. John's* .....                            | 00 00       |
| Jefferson .....                   | St. Andrew's .....        | Grace .....                                  | } 19 00     |
| Jefferson .....                   | St. Andrew's .....        | St. Bartholomew's .....                      |             |
| Berkeley .....                    | Norborne .....            | Christ .....                                 |             |
| Amount carried forward, - - - - - |                           |                                              | \$1,016 99  |

\* No report—no payment.



|                                   |                       |                          |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Amount brought forward, - - - - - |                       |                          | \$1,016 99        |
| Kanawha.....                      | Kanawha.....          | St. John's & St. Luke's  | 9 00              |
| Kanawha.....                      | St. Mark's.....       | St. Mark's*              | 00 00             |
| King William.....                 | St. David's.....      | St. David's*             | 00 00             |
| King George.....                  | Brunswick.....        | Lamb's Creek.....        | 8 00              |
| Lewis.....                        | Trinity.....          | St. Paul's.....          | 37 00             |
| Louisa.....                       | Trinity.....          | Trinity.....             | 7 00              |
| Lunenburg.....                    | Cumberland.....       | St. John's & St. Paul's. | 29 12             |
| Marshall.....                     | Trinity.....          | Trinity.....             | 14 00             |
| Mason.....                        | Trinity.....          | Bruce / chapel*          | 00 00             |
| Mason.....                        | Trinity.....          | Point Pleasant*          | 00 00             |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. James'.....       | St. James' and St. An-   |                   |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....       | drew's.....              | 24 00             |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....       | St. Timothy, St. Luke's  |                   |
| Mecklenburg.....                  | St. Luke's.....       | and Old Church.....      | 26 00             |
| Nansemond.....                    | Suffolk.....          | St. Paul's.....          | 20 00             |
| Nansemond.....                    | Chuckatuck.....       | St. John's.....          | 50 00             |
| Nelson.....                       | Nelson.....           | Rock Fish & St. Paul's*  | 00 00             |
| Northampton.....                  | Hungar's.....         | Christ.....              | 53 00             |
| Ohio.....                         | Wheeling.....         | St. Matthew's.....       | 8 00              |
| Ohio.....                         | St. John's.....       | St. John's.....          | 186 00            |
| Petersburg.....                   | Bristol.....          | Grace.....               | 156 50            |
| Powhatan.....                     | King William.....     | Manakin Town*            | 00 00             |
| Powhatan.....                     | St. James', Southam.. | Immanuel.....            | 16 00             |
| Prince George.....                | City Point.....       | St. John's.....          | 27 00             |
| Prince William.....               | Dettingen.....        | St. James'.....          | 5 00              |
| Prince William.....               | Leeds.....            | St. Paul's.....          | 31 00             |
| Princess Anne.....                | Lynnhaven.....        | Emanuel and Chapel...    | 20 00             |
| Putnam.....                       | St. Paul's.....       | Wmfield, St. John's and  |                   |
| Putnam.....                       | St. Paul's.....       | Tye's Valley*            | 00 00             |
| Richmond.....                     | Lunenburg.....        |                          | 34 00             |
| Richmond.....                     | Farnham*              |                          | 00 00             |
| Rockbridge.....                   | Latimer.....          | Grace.....               | 11 00             |
| Surry.....                        | Sout. wark.....       | Lower Surry.....         | 15 00             |
| Sussex.....                       | Albemarle.....        | Emanuel*.....            | 00 00             |
| Washington.....                   | Holston.....          | St. Thomas'.....         | 30 00             |
| Westmoreland.....                 | Cople.....            | Nominy and Yeocomico     | 14 00             |
| Wetzel.....                       | Wetzel.....           | St. Paul's*.....         | 00 00             |
| Wood.....                         | Trinity.....          | Parkersburg.....         | 93 00             |
| Wythe.....                        | Wytheville*.....      |                          | 00 00             |
| York.....                         | York, Hampton.....    | Grace*.....              | 00 00             |
| Total.....                        |                       |                          | <u>\$1,949 61</u> |

G. M. CARRINGTON, *Treasurer pro tem.*

\* No report—no payment.

## APPENDIX NO. VII.

### [E]

*William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal  
Convention of the Diocese of Virginia.*

|          |                                                                                                         | Dr.               |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1855.    |                                                                                                         |                   |
| May 14.  | To balance on hand this date, as per account rendered,                                                  | \$108 11          |
| 23.      | To cash from Rev. David Caldwell, quota, Emanuel Church,<br>Hanover County, - - - - -                   | 13 00             |
|          | To cash from Col. G. M. Carrington, Treasurer <i>pro tem.</i><br>of Convention, - - - - -               | 5,195 75          |
|          | To cash from R. H. Cunningham, from St. James' Church,<br>St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County, - - - - - | 23 00             |
| 28.      | To cash from Rev. Geo. Woodbridge, from Trinity Church,<br>Marshall County, - - - - -                   | 14 00             |
| June 4.  | To cash from Rev. Chas. Mann, from Abingdon and Ware<br>Parishes, - - - - -                             | 6 00              |
| 8.       | To cash from E. C. Murdaugh, from Martin's Brandon<br>Parish, - - - - -                                 | 39 00             |
| 11.      | To cash from W. J. Lynd, from St. Luke's Church, Pedlar's<br>Mill's, - - - - -                          | 10 00             |
| 13.      | To cash from A. B. Hooe, from St. Paul's Parish, King<br>George County, - - - - -                       | 37 00             |
| 14.      | To cash from Falls Church, and Zion's Church, Fairfax<br>County, - - - - -                              | 20 00             |
| 16.      | To cash from R. B. Atkinson, from St. John's Church,<br>Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg County, - - - - -  | 11 00             |
| 27.      | To cash from St. Thomas' Church, Holston Parish, - - - - -                                              | 15 00             |
| July 11. | To cash from F. Nelson, from St. Peter's Church, New<br>Kent County, - - - - -                          | 20 00             |
| 11.      | To cash from F. Nelson, from Emanuel Church, Hanover<br>County, - - - - -                               | 9 00              |
| 26.      | To cash from Rev. J. Cooke, from St. Paul's Church, St.<br>Paul's Parish, Hanover County, - - - - -     | 10 00             |
|          |                                                                                                         | <u>\$5,530 86</u> |

*William H. Hubbard, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal  
Convention of the Diocese of Virginia.*

|       |                                              |       |   |          |            |
|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------|---|----------|------------|
| 1855. |                                              |       |   |          | Ca.        |
|       | By cash paid sundries, as per vouchers, viz: |       |   |          |            |
|       | Bishop Meade's voucher, No. 1,               | -     | - | \$300 00 |            |
|       | " 4,                                         | -     | - | 40 00    |            |
|       | " 5,                                         | -     | - | 700 00   |            |
|       | " 6,                                         | -     | - | 1,000 00 |            |
|       | " 9,                                         | -     | - | 400 00   |            |
|       |                                              |       |   | <hr/>    | \$2,440 00 |
|       | By cash paid Bishop Johns,                   | " 8,  | - | 598 31   |            |
|       |                                              | " 13, | - | 1,000 00 |            |
|       |                                              | " 14, | - | 789 07   |            |
|       |                                              |       |   | <hr/>    | 2,387 38   |
|       | By cash paid Rev. Geo. Wood-                 |       |   |          |            |
|       | bridge, Sec'y of Convention,                 | " 7,  | - | 12 50    |            |
|       |                                              | " 10, | - | 572 93   |            |
|       |                                              | " 11, | - | 98 20    |            |
|       |                                              | " 12, | - | 3 90     |            |
|       |                                              |       |   | <hr/>    | 686 83     |
|       | By cash paid S. J. Campbell,                 |       |   |          |            |
|       | door keeper,                                 | " 2,  | - | -        | 15 00      |
|       | By cash paid C. B. Dana,                     |       |   |          |            |
|       | Pres't Standing Committee,                   | " 3,  | - | -        | 1 00       |
|       | By cash paid postages, "no voucher,"         | -     | - | -        | 65         |
|       |                                              |       |   | <hr/>    | <hr/>      |
|       |                                              |       |   |          | \$5,530 86 |

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WM. H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

# APPENDIX NO. VI.

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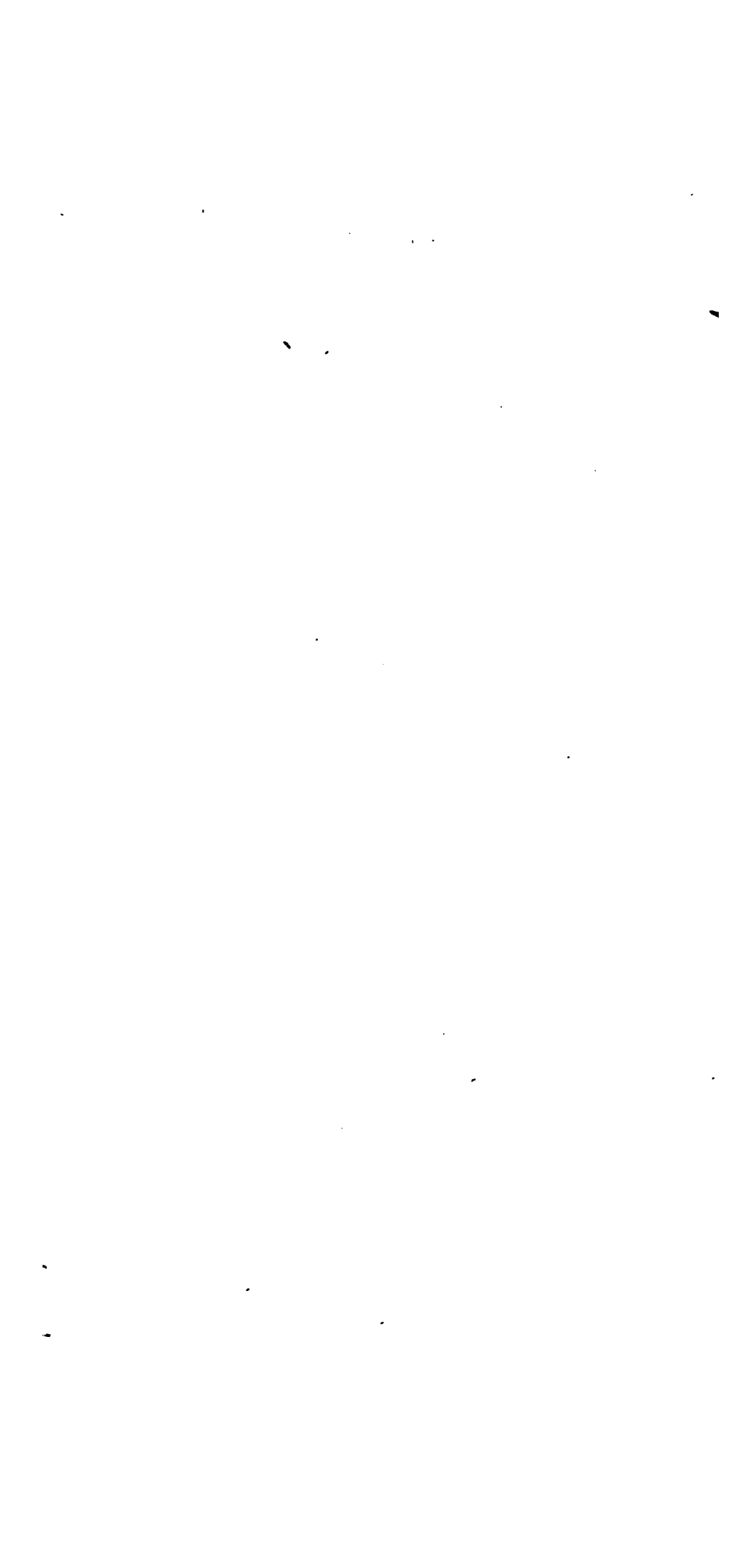
OF THE

## PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA,

*With their respective Counties, Churches, and Ministers, arranged alphabetically in the order of the Counties.*

| COUNTIES.       | PARISHES.            | CHURCHES.                    | MINISTERS.         |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Accomac.....    | St. James'.....      | St. James'.....              | (Vacant.)          |
| Accomac.....    | St. George's.....    | St. George's.....            | (Vacant.)          |
| Accomac.....    | St. George's.....    | St. Michael's.....           | (Vacant.)          |
| Albemarle.....  | Fredericksville..... | Buck Mountain.....           | D. C. T. Davis.    |
| Albemarle.....  | Fredericksville..... | St. Paul's.....              | D. C. T. Davis.    |
| Albemarle.....  | Fredericksville..... | Christ, Charlottesville..... | R. E. Meade.       |
| Albemarle.....  | St. Anne's.....      | Trinity, North Garden.....   | W. M. Nelson.      |
| Albemarle.....  | St. Anne's.....      | Christ.....                  | W. M. Nelson.      |
| Albemarle.....  | Walker's.....        | Grace.....                   | E. Boyden.         |
| Amelia.....     | Raleigh.....         | Grubb Hill.....              | P. F. Berkeley.    |
| Amherst.....    | Lexington.....       | St. Luke's New Glasgow.....  | (Vacant.)          |
| Amherst.....    | Lexington.....       | Ascension.....               | (Vacant.)          |
| Augusta.....    | Augusta.....         | Trinity, Staunton.....       | T. T. Castleman.   |
| Augusta.....    | Augusta.....         | Boyden Chapel.....           | J. C. Wheat.       |
| Alexandria..... | Fairfax.....         | Christ, Alexandria.....      | C. B. Dana.        |
| Alexandria..... | Fairfax.....         | St. Paul's, Alexandria.....  | J. T. Johnston.    |
| Alexandria..... | Fairfax.....         | Grace.....                   | D. Francis Sprigg. |
| Bedford.....    | Russell.....         | Trinity.....                 | R. H. Wilmer.      |
| Bedford.....    | West Russell.....    | St. Thomas'.....             | Nelson Sale.       |
| Bedford.....    | Heber.....           | St. John's, Liberty.....     | Nelson Sale.       |
| Bedford.....    | Hamner.....          | St. Stephen's.....           | R. H. Wilmer.      |
| Berkeley.....   | Norborne.....        | Mt. Zion, Hedgesville.....   | Richard T. Davis.  |
| Berkeley.....   | Norborne.....        | Trinity, Martinsburg.....    | Richard T. Davis.  |
| Berkeley.....   | Norborne.....        | Calvary.....                 | (Vacant.)          |
| Berkeley.....   | Norborne.....        | Christ.....                  | (Vacant.)          |
| Botetourt.....  | Botetourt.....       | St. Mark's.....              | F. M. Baker.       |
| Botetourt.....  | Woodville.....       | Trinity, Buchanan.....       | F. M. Baker.       |
| Brooke.....     | Christ Church.....   | Christ.....                  | (Vacant.)          |
| Brooke.....     | St. John's.....      | St. John's.....              | (Vacant.)          |
| Brunswick.....  | St. Andrew's.....    | St. Andrew's.....            | B. F. Mower.       |
| Buckingham..... | Tillotson.....       | St. Peter's.....             | W. C. Meredith.    |
| Campbell.....   | Moore.....           | St. John's.....              | Thos. E. Locke.    |
| Campbell.....   | Lynchburg.....       | St. Paul's, Lynchburg.....   | W. H. Kieckhefer.  |
| Caroline.....   | St. Margaret's.....  | St. Margaret's.....          | D. M. Wharton.     |

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Prince George.....  | City Point.....       | St John's.....                  | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon..... | Merchant's Hope.....            | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon..... | Old Brandon.....                | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince William..... | Dettingen.....        | St James'.....                  | John Towles.         |
| Prince William..... | Leeds'.....           | St. Paul's.....                 | John Towles.         |
| Putnam.....         | St Paul's.....        | Winfield.....                   | (Vacant)             |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | St. John's.....                 | (Vacant)             |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | Tye's Valley.....               | (Vacant)             |
| Rappahannock.....   | Bloomfield.....       |                                 | W. T. Leavelle.      |
| Richmond.....       | Lunenburg.....        |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Richmond.....       | Farnham.....          |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Roanoke.....        | Salem.....            | St. John's.....                 | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| Rockbridge.....     | Latimer.....          | Grace, Lexington.....           | W. N. Pendleton.     |
| Rockingham.....     | Rockingham.....       | Port Republic.....              | J. C. Wheat.         |
| Spottsylvania.....  | St. George's.....     | St. George, Fredericksburg..... | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | Christ.....                     | D. M. Wharten.       |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | St. John's.....                 | D. M. Wharten.       |
| Stafford.....       | Overwharton.....      | Aquila.....                     | Henry Wall.          |
| Surry.....          | Southwark.....        | Lower Surry.....                | (Vacant)             |
| Sussex.....         | Albemarle.....        | Immanuel.....                   | (Vacant)             |
| Washington.....     | Holston.....          | St. Thomas', Abingdon.....      | (Vacant)             |
| Westmoreland.....   | Washington.....       | St. Peter's.....                | J. W. Chesky.        |
| Westmoreland.....   | Cople.....            | Nominy and Yeocomico.....       | J. G. Dashiell.      |
| Westmoreland.....   | Montross.....         | St. James'.....                 | J. W. Chesky.        |
| Wood.....           | Trinity.....          | Parkersburg.....                | (Vacant)             |
| Wythe.....          | Wytheville.....       |                                 | (Vacant)             |
| Wetzel.....         | Wetzel.....           | St Paul's.....                  | (Vacant)             |
| York.....           | York, Hampton.....    | Grace.....                      | (Vacant)             |



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| Prince George.....  | City Point.....       | St John's.....                  | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon..... | Merchant's Hope.....            | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon..... | Old Brandon.....                | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince William..... | Dettingen.....        | St James'.....                  | John Towles.         |
| Prince William..... | Leeds'.....           | St. Paul's.....                 | John Towles.         |
| Putnam.....         | St Paul's.....        | Winfield.....                   | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | St. John's.....                 | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | Tye's Valley.....               | (Vacant.)            |
| Rappahannock.....   | Bloomfield.....       |                                 | W. T. Leavelle.      |
| Richmond.....       | Lunenburg.....        |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Richmond.....       | Farnham.....          |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Roanoke.....        | Salem.....            | Ft. John's.....                 | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| Rockbridge.....     | Latimer.....          | Grace, Lexington.....           | W. N. Pendleton.     |
| Rockingham.....     | Rockingham.....       | Port Republic.....              | J. C. Wheat.         |
| Spottsylvania.....  | St. George's.....     | St. George, Fredericksburg..... | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | Christ.....                     | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | St. John's.....                 | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Stafford.....       | Overwharton.....      | Aquila.....                     | Henry Wall.          |
| Surry.....          | Southwark.....        | Lower Surry.....                | (Vacant.)            |
| Sussex.....         | Albemarle.....        | Immanuel.....                   | (Vacant.)            |
| Washington.....     | Holston.....          | St. Thomas', Abingdon.....      | (Vacant.)            |
| Westmoreland.....   | Washington.....       | St. Peter's.....                | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Westmoreland.....   | Cople.....            | Nominy and Yeocombo.....        | J. G. Dashiell.      |
| Westmoreland.....   | Montross.....         | St. James'.....                 | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Wood.....           | Trinity.....          | Parkersburg.....                | (Vacant.)            |
| Wythe.....          | Wytheville.....       |                                 | (Vacant.)            |
| Wetzel.....         | Wetzel.....           | St. Paul's.....                 | (Vacant.)            |
| York.....           | York, Hampton.....    | Grace.....                      | (Vacant.)            |





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| Prince George.....  | Martin's Brandon..... | Old Brandon.....                | E. C. Murdaugh.      |
| Prince William..... | Dettingen.....        | St. James'.....                 | John Towles.         |
| Prince William..... | Leeds'.....           | St. Paul's.....                 | John Towles.         |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | Winfield.....                   | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | St. John's.....                 | (Vacant.)            |
| Putnam.....         | St. Paul's.....       | Tye's Valley.....               | (Vacant.)            |
| Rappahannock.....   | Bloomfield.....       |                                 | W. T. Leavell.       |
| Richmond.....       | Lunenburg.....        |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Richmond.....       | Farnham.....          |                                 | W. H. Coffin.        |
| Roanoke.....        | Salem.....            | St. John's.....                 | W. H. Pendleton.     |
| Rockbridge.....     | Latimer.....          | Grace, Lexington.....           | W. N. Pendleton.     |
| Rockingham.....     | Rockingham.....       | Port Republic.....              | J. C. Wheat.         |
| Spottsylvania.....  | St. George's.....     | St. George, Fredericksburg..... | E. C. McGuire, D. D. |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | Christ.....                     | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Spottsylvania.....  | Berkeley.....         | St. John's.....                 | D. M. Wharton.       |
| Stafford.....       | Overwharton.....      | Aquila.....                     | Henry Wall.          |
| Surry.....          | Southwark.....        | Lower Surry.....                | (Vacant.)            |
| Sussex.....         | Albemarle.....        | Immanuel.....                   | (Vacant.)            |
| Washington.....     | Holston.....          | St. Thomas', Abingdon.....      | (Vacant.)            |
| Westmoreland.....   | Washington.....       | St. Peter's.....                | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Westmoreland.....   | Cople.....            | Nominy and Yeocombo.....        | J. G. Daahiel.       |
| Westmoreland.....   | Montross.....         | St. James'.....                 | J. W. Chesley.       |
| Wood.....           | Trinity.....          | Parkersburg.....                | (Vacant.)            |
| Wythe.....          | Wytheville.....       |                                 | (Vacant.)            |
| Wetzel.....         | Wetzel.....           | St. Paul's.....                 | (Vacant.)            |
| York.....           | York, Hampton.....    | Grace.....                      | (Vacant.)            |



